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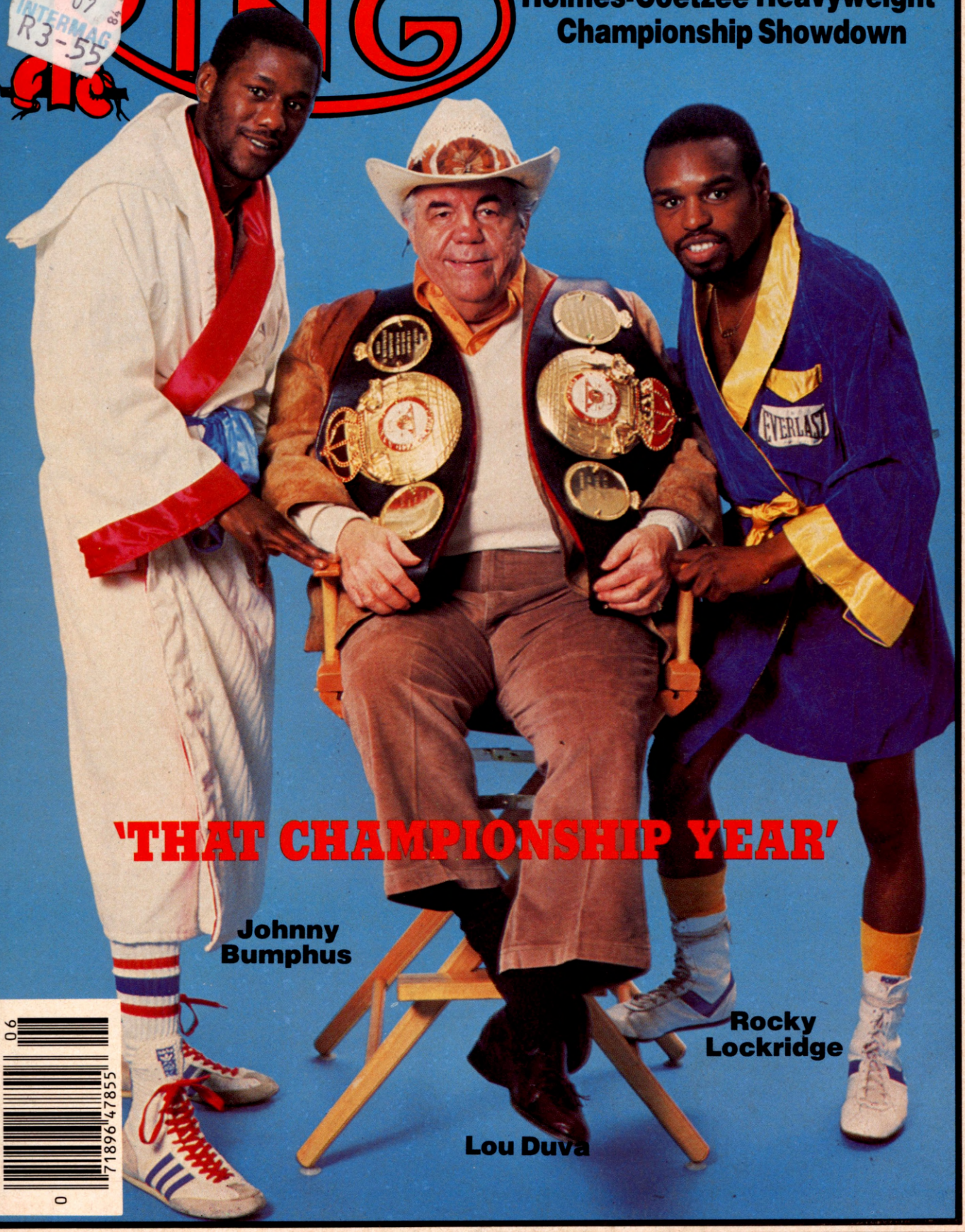

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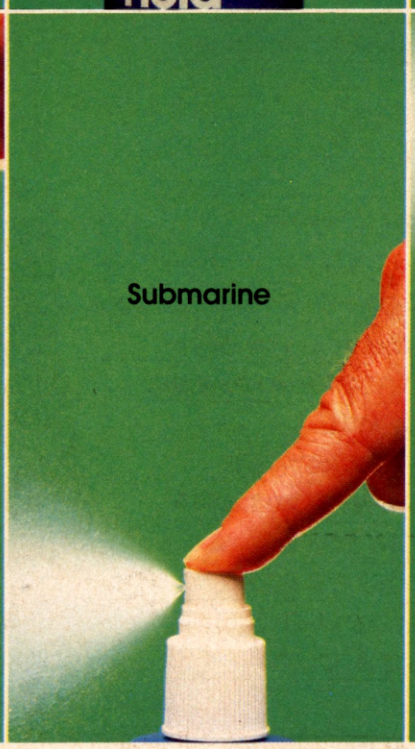

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RINGSIDE

MURDER, PLAIN AND SIMPLE

I DON'T EASILY FORGET DATES AND places and results in boxing. Some dates and places and results are etched deeper in my memory than others. Like June 16, 1983. That date is more than etched into my memory. It's branded in there. June 16, 1983, is the day someone murdered Billy Collins Jr.

Billy Collins Jr. was a 154-pounder out of Nashville, Tennessee. He was unbeaten. He was popular. He had boyish good looks. Collins had all the reason in the world to be happy. He was a newlywed. He had a child on the way. And, unlike so many people, he was doing what he wanted to do. In his case, what he wanted to do was fight. He did it oh so well.

I am fortunate enough to have known this magnificent young man and his dad, Billy Sr. I called three of Collins' fights on ESPN in 1982—May 20, June 23 and September 30.

The May 20 and June 23 fights were in Atlantic City. Several hours before each of those fights, I sat with young Collins, then 20, and talked to him about his future.

"I believe I have the talent to become a champion," he told me on more than one occasion.

"I know I have the desire, the discipline and the hunger to win a world title."

He was talented, for sure. He was also a good kid, a clean kid. He didn't drink, smoke or do drugs, an oddity in today's over-priced, ego-maniacal, have some coke and a smile world of sports. His integrity and moral fiber were also well fastened.

For instance, there was the night of September 30, 1982, in Charleston S.C. Billy was fighting the semi-final on ESPN's "Thursday Night Top Rank Boxing" series. His opponent was Savannah's Eddie Flanning, who had been kayoed six nights earlier in New York and under suspension. I was the color commentator. I told Top Rank about the problem. I told ESPN. I told Billy. I told the entire viewing audience.

Before the fight, Collins said, "I don't want to fight him if he just was knocked out. What do they want me to do, kill a man?" I had to convince Collins to fight, telling him not to make waves, not to harm his career by threatening to pull out. I told him the problem was ESPN's and Top Rank's—not his. I said, "They're the ones acting immorally and illegally and scandalously, not you." He fought—and won by TKO—but did so reluctantly. That is the kind of kid he was.

He fought for Top Rank, and they moved him well, knowing he could carry a high price tag one day. On June 16, 1983, Top Rank showcased Collins in Madison Square Garden on the undercard to Roberto Duran-Davey Moore. The building was filled. Collins' opponent was Luis Resto. Any way you look at it, Collins had a fight on his hands. Resto is tough, with a capital "T".

RESTO BEAT ON COLLINS ALL NIGHT long. Every time he hit Collins, the unbeaten lad flinched. And cringed. And moaned. That is because the inside of Resto's goves had been criminally sliced prior to the fight, with one-ounce of padding being removed from each of them. Collins wasn't getting hit with eight-ounces boxing gloves. He was getting hit with taped knuckles. After the fight, Collins looked like the victim of a severe mugging. The morning after the fight, he looked even worse. He had two overripe plums for eyes. RING's Associate Editor, Ben Sharav, visited with Collins the morning after, and Collins allowed Sharav to photograph him. They are the only known photos of what the man who removed the padding —did to Collins.

When I first saw the photos, I said to Ben, "You should have had him open his eyes." Sharav just looked at me and said, "They were open!"

Collins' eye doctors all concurred—he'd never fight again. "He had a tear in his iris," sobbed his father, Billy Sr. to me on the telephone. "Mentally it destroyed him. He was never...." He had to stop, as emotion overcame him.

"That's okay, Billy," I said. "Let it go." He did. Then he continued. "He was never the same again. The night it happened, he thought he was gonna die. Afterwards, he tried to pretend he didn't care. He tried to be strong around me. But inside, he was dying. One day, Billy told me he was going fishing. A little while later, I decided to join him. When I got down to the stream, I saw him lying..." His voice cracked. He swallowed hard, took a deep breath, then continued.

"He was laying in the grass, his head on his arms, and he was crying. Why did that animal (the person who removed the pad-

ding) do that to him. Why? He killed my son."

Alcohol became a friend of Collins. His marriage deteriorated. His life fell apart. On March 7, 1984, the car Billy was driving went out of control and plunged into a creek. The passenger, a male friend, survived. Billy didn't. Alcohol, which had always been a distant stranger to Billy, was responsible for Collins' death. Alcohol, as well as the person who removed the padding from Resto's gloves.

I know who did it. Artie Curley told me who. Curley was the cutman who worked Resto's corner that fateful night. Curley was a friend of mine. He told me he didn't know anything about the incident during the fight, only afterwards. It was after the fact he learned who did it. I believe Curley. In February, Artie Curley died of cancer.

A FIGHTER, CALLING HIMSELF "Charlie" recently phoned me anonymously and said he overheard the murderer —who was a bit inebriated—talking about Collins the day after Collins died.

"It wasn't supposed to end like this," said the man , according to "Charlie." "I really feel bad about what I did."

Gee. The man was showing compassion. Isn't that big of him. How'd he like to face Collins' widowed wife, Alicia, and their infant daughter Andrea, with the same compassion. How'd he like to face Billy Sr. and say he was sorry?

After the "hit" on June 16, 1983, which eventually killed him, Collins went from being a possible millionaire to a $5-an-hour laborer.

"It was the beginning of Billy Ray's end," said his father, who fought Curtis Cokes for the Southern Welterweight title in 1965. In defeat, Billy Sr, was paid $300.

The funeral home where Collins was laid out overflowed with those who had come to pay their last respects to this beautiful young man.

If indeed there is a heaven, Billy Collins Jr. will spend eternity in paradise.

As for his killer, the man I think to be his killer, the Grim Reaper will come calling one day, and send him to burn in the fires of hell for the same amount of time.

Randy Gordon

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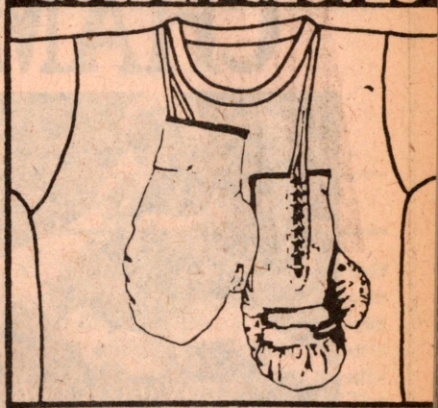

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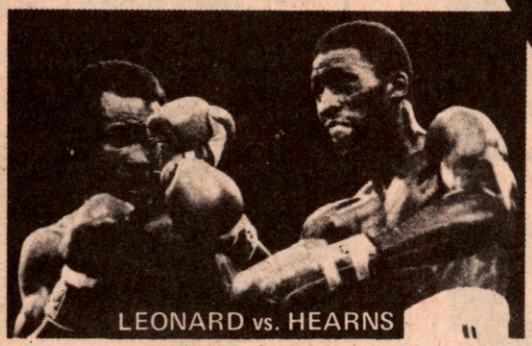
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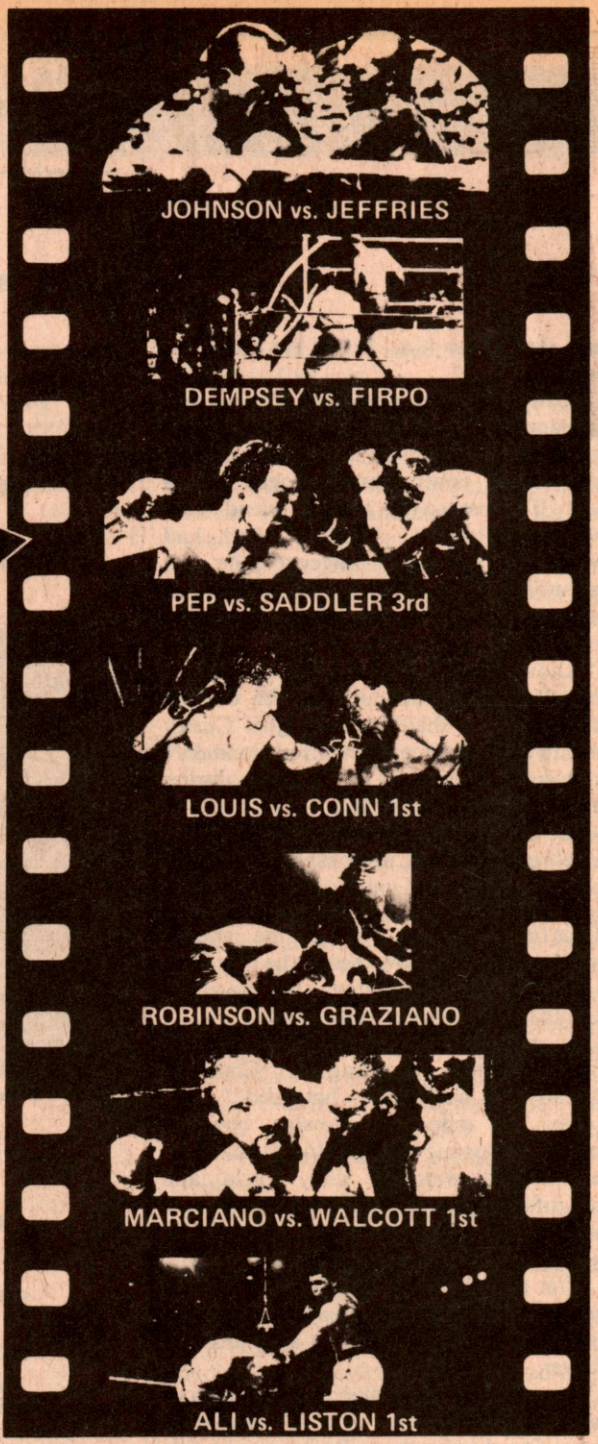

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ROUND ONE

BY BEN SHARAV

BRELAND TAKES THE FIFTH

WINNING A FIFTH NEW YORK Golden Gloves championship is a notable achievement, but the significance of Mark Breland's feat is not nearly as great as the hype that surrounded it.

Breland may well be the best amateur boxer in the world. The tall, lean, 147-pounder from Brooklyn, N.Y. aptly proved that at the World Championships in Munich last May where he soundly thrashed the top Russian, Serik Konakbaev, to win the welterweight championship and the title of "most outstanding boxer" in the tournament.

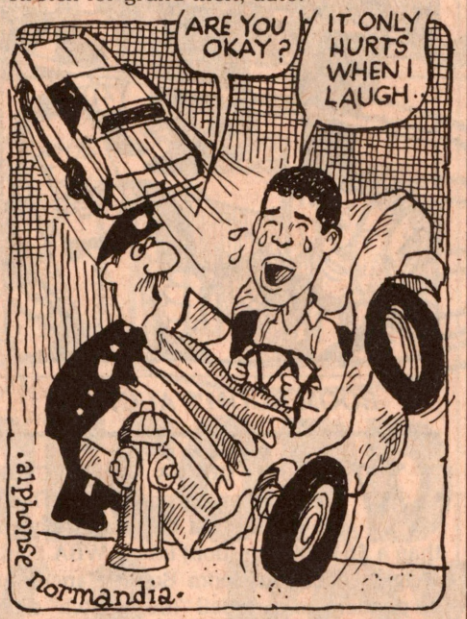
Mark Breland passed up the United States vs. Cuba boxing meet a couple of months back so that he could instead enter the New York Golden Gloves. One can't blame Mark for that—The big to-do that people were making about that "unprecedented" fifth title compelled him to go for it. And beside, the *Daily News*-sponsored tournament benefits some worthy charities.

But Breland really didn't belong in the Golden Gloves—he's simply too far above that level of competition. The only fitting competition for Breland at this point is on the world class level. Mark Breland tearing up the Gloves had all the suspense of a Larry Holmes-Scott Frank rematch. When referee Vince Shomo pulled Breland off of an overwhelmed Victor Laguer after all of 42 seconds of the finals bout at Madison Square Garden, it gave Mark a title that was tantamount to Sugar Ray Leonard winning the Maryland state welterweight championship in 1984.

Mark Breland's genuine heroics are yet to come. With the Olympics barely two months away, we won't have to wait long.

POETRY IN MOTION

IT MIGHT BE A CASE OF POETIC JUSTICE, but Hector Camacho won't be blamed for not seeing it that way. Camacho, as is well-known, has this "thing" for nice cars. Before he became rich and famous, the "Macho Man" used to indulge his passion, though he would sometimes wind up in the Rikers Island prison in New York, doing a stretch for grand theft, auto.



The WBC junior lightweight champion can afford to acquire his cars in a more socially acceptable manner now. Camacho rewarded himself for his success in the ring by buying two new cars: a sleek black Cadillac Eldorado and a shiny, silver Corvette Sting Ray.

Camacho was in Detroit recently (the "Motor City," of all places) to do some training at the Kronk Gym. He had both of his cars there too (Hector trusts his friends to drive one). One night Camacho stepped outside and what did he see, but a stranger had started up his Cadillac and was pulling away. Lucky for Hector, his Corvette was right there. He jumped in and gave chase. Unlucky for Hector, his driving under pressure proved not as skillful as his punching. He crashed the Corvette. The Cadillac got away.

MOUTHING OFF

ONE OF THE HOKIEST NEWS ITEMS concerning boxing safety in quite some time was the report that Jose Sulaiman announced that the WBC's Sports Medicine Foundation has found that mouthguards may cause brain damage. "The mouthguard has become a dangerous conductor of the force from blows to the brain," stated Sulaiman, and "there are serious doubts about the mouthguard's continued use."

It's conceivable that mouthguards are imperfect and should in some way be modified. But abolished?

"The only mouth that needs fixing is Sulaiman's," says the "Fight Doctor," Ferdie Pacheco. "He should muzzle it or tape it shut."

"What causes brain damage is the lack of supervision, where fighters keep fighting long past the time when they should get out," says Pacheco, who was once Muhammad Ali's physician and now approves fights for NBC. "Sulaiman's floundering, looking for publicity and 'pie-in-the-sky' type cures. It's like, if someoue got run over by a car, Sulaiman would blame the bumper. He'd say, 'Gee, that Mercedes had too much rubber on it.'"

BILLY COLLINS JR., 1961–1984

THE SAD SAGA OF BILLY COLLINS JR. ended suddenly and horribly as the 22-year-old ex-fighter died in a car wreck in his hometown of Nashville, Tenn. late one recent night. The junior middleweight's once-promising career had been prematurely halted by eye injuries suffered last June 16 in a 10-round beating in Madison Square Garden at the hands of Luis Resto—hands which the New York State Athletic Commission later ruled were wearing illegally doctored boxing gloves. (Most of the horsehair padding had surreptitiously been removed.) Billy took to drinking too heavily when the realization set in that he would never fight again; the coroner reported that Billy was drunk when he lost control of his 1972 Oldsmobile, driving it off

the road and into a creek.

THE RING reported in April (*Round One*) that the office of New York County District attorney Robert Morganthau is investigating the rigged gloves incident and presenting evidence to a grand jury. Resto's cornerman on June 16, Panama Lewis, who was later barred from boxing for life by the New York Commission for his part in the incident, is a primary target in the D.A.'s probe.

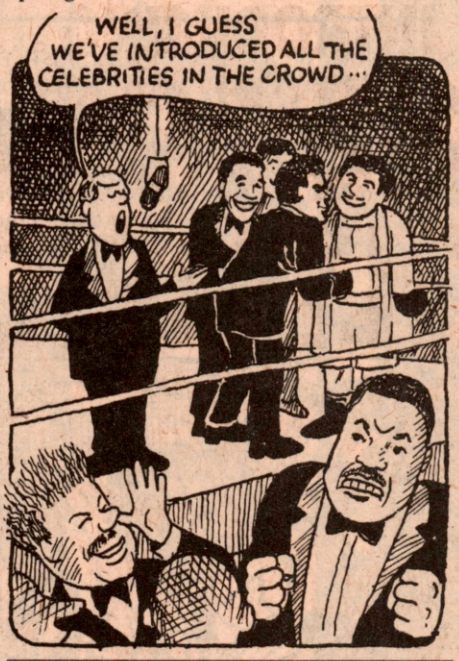
Sources in the New York State Police, working for the Manhattan D.A., report that the investigation is continuing. While they still profess optimism at their chances of obtaining an indictment, the death of the complainant, Billy Collins Jr., may cripple those prospects.

Panama Lewis continues to train fighters at his gym on West 40th Street (not Gleason's Gym as we erroneously reported in April), maintaining his innocence and threatening to sue everyone in sight. New York Commission chairman John Branca admits there's little he can do to prevent Lewis from working with fighters. But Branca did call Yonkers middleweight Doug DeWitt on the carpet after DeWitt identified Lewis as his trainer on national TV. DeWitt reportedly promised to steer clear of Panama.

'ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF'

A FEW PETTY GAMES OF ONE-UPMANship between Heavyweight Champion Larry Holmes and the two participants and the promoter, preceded the Witherspoon-Page WBC title bout in Las Vegas. Holmes spent the days leading up to the bout telling anyone who asked that neither Page nor Witherspoon was much of a fighter. "It will end in a draw," predicted Holmes of the bout being staged to fill the title which Larry had tossed away. "I probably won't even go. Everyone knows I'm the real champ anyway."

But Holmes showed up for the bout at the Convention Center and even brought along his recently-acquired IBF belt to wave about when he got bored. Promoter Don King responded by suggesting to ring announcer Chuck Hull that he skip Holmes when making the introductions of the champions and celebrities at ringside. This put Hull, who has worked most of Holmes championship fights in a bit of a quandary. But after introducing Sugar Ray Leonard, Muhammad Ali and Gerrie Coetzee, among others, Hull decided he had best listen to the man who signs his check and ignored the presence of Holmes. "I felt bad about," said Hull later, "I went over to Larry afterward and apologized."



BOOM BOOM'S AUCTION

WHO'S IT GONNA BE: HECTOR Camacho or Aaron Pryor?" That's the question (a helluva lot bigger than a $64,000 Question) facing WBA lightweight champion Boom Boom Mancini as he ponders an early-fall "megamatch" after what is expected to be a routine summer title defense against WBA mandatory challenger, Livingstone Bramble. Both Camacho, the WBC junior lightweight titleholder, and Pryor, the just-unretired junior welterweight king, are pushing hard for a crack at Mancini; and Ray, who resents the raps about his up-to-now soft schedule, is apparently ready to put his title and reputation on the line.

Given the choice of facing Camacho or Pryor, it would seem safer to fight the former. The Aaron Pryor who twice knocked out Alexis Arguello would be a good bet to do a fast demolition job on the Ray Mancini whose knees buckled in bouts against Arturo Frias and Orlando Romero. Camacho isn't nearly as dangerous. On the other hand, Camacho is only 22 and is getting stronger; despite protestations to the contrary, the 28-year-old Pryor may be weakened if he has to get his weight down to 135 for the first time in over four years, to challenge Mancini as a lightweight. Also in the back of everyone's mind is Pryor's drug bust in California late last year.

Mancini says he'll be happy to take on either Pryor or Camacho. Boom Boom's manager, Dave Wolf, says money will decide: Mancini will go with the best offer. By that standard, Mancini-Pryor would probably generate the most dollars. Camacho, notwithstanding all of his hype and self-promotion, has not yet shown that his appeal carries beyond New York and Puerto Rico.

Does that mean Pryor will get the fight? Not necessarily. While Pryor and Camacho "campaign," Wolf points out, "This isn't an election. It's an auction. There are enough promoters who think enough of both fights. We just need to accept one offer."

For starters, Bob Arum made an offer of $3 million per man for Mancini and Pryor, an offer which Don Elbaum immediately topped. The bids for Camacho are coming in from Don King and Anchorage, Alaska's Bob Uchitel.

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FRONT PAGE

LEFT-HANDED COMPLIMENTS DURING A MOMENT OF WEAKNESS

BY MICHAEL KATZ

THIS IS GOING TO HURT. BUT RATHER than tilt at the usual windmills, this is as good a time as any to say some nice things about people in boxing. Believe me, it isn't easy, especially typing with only one hand.

My right hand is in a cast, which is another story, one that will be told in the courtroom. Suffice it to say that I suffered torn ligaments during a ringside scuffle after the Tim Witherspoon-Greg Page exercise in Las Vegas. The idea—rather novel—to be complimentary came to me during my convalescence. I was always a sucker for a get-well card.

Of necessity, this is all off the top of my head. Being of the right-handed persuasion, I find it impossible to take notes. Otherwise, this entire space would have been devoted to a story on one of the greatest fighters I ever had the privilege of covering. Luckily, I do not need many notes to write of Matthew Saad Muhammad.

BUT THE MAIN EVENT MUST WAIT FOR some preliminary salutations. Seniority dictates that Freddie Brown and Ray Arcel, those grand trainers who worked so splendidly together and apart, lead off. Outside of the fighters themselves, trainers have always been my favorite people in boxing and Freddie and Ray are two of the main reasons why. They are no longer together in retirement, but obviously they still think alike. Three days after Freddie called to offer his services if I wanted to continue my fighting career, Ray asked if I needed a trainer.

In the same Hall of Fame class with Freddie and Ray of course is Eddie Futch, whose presence uplifts the class of this often sordid game. But to those who worry where the next generation of venerated trainers is coming from, remember it will not be that long before such wondeful trainers and Jackie McCoy and George Benton will be regarded as grand masters. It will be difficult for Emile Griffith to duplicate his great boxing career as a cornerman, but the five-time world champion probably will produce more titles as a trainer. Larry Holmes and Marvelous Marvin Hagler, whose workmanlike approach to boxing is so similar, were molded in no small part by Richie Giachetti and Goody Petronelli, who have not received their fair share of credit.

If I can throw a compliment at Giachetti, I suppose it's also possible to praise television. Home Box Office certainly deserves it for the consistent manner in which it produces the best boxing shows on the air. Tim Ryan, the perfect straight man for Gil Clancy and Ray Leonard, gives CBS the finest blow-by-blow man on the networks. Ferdie Pacheco of NBC may be the best matchmaker this side of Teddy Brenner (this column being devoted to niceties, there will be no mention of Pacheco's work on the microphone).

Most of all, I would like to thank the fighters, starting with Muhammad Ali, who generously gave his time to so many of us in the working press, as did his old buddy, Joe Frazier and his great successor, Larry Holmes. Hagler and Holmes would head any list of boxers who have earned the title "Professional." For artistry, there are Leonard and Hector Camacho and for sheer excitement Leonard, Roberto Duran, Thomas Hearns, Aaron Pryor and of course Saad Muhammad.

SAAD CALLED THE OTHER MORNING. He wanted to know if I was going to retire, too. "You know, I've retired," he said.

I didn't know. Somehow, the end of one of the noblest careers was not trumpeted in the press. It wasn't a happy ending. Saad, outclassed by Willie Edwards, a man he would have had no trouble beating just three years ago, furiously protesting the referee's decision to stop a one-sided bout. It was a fight I had hoped either the Michigan commission or Saad's manager, Bilal Muhammad, would have stopped before it began. But there was no stopping Saad. It was what made him so special.

Some day, Saad's life story will be made into a movie. For his is the story of the triumph of the human spirit, a singular chariot of fire. With too many mouths to feed, his family abandoned him when he was 5 years old. An older brother was told to take him out and not to come home unless he was alone. When he was found, he did not know his name. He went on to make

Saad's sad moment.

two names for himself, first as Matthew Franklin then, after finding the religion that was to give his life so much meaning and turn him on the right path, as Matthew Saad Muhammad.

Luckily, I was there when he changed names. He had just taken the WBC light-heavyweight title from another grand warrior, Marvin Johnson, in Johnsons's home town of Indianapolis. It was a typical Saad fight. The man never knew when to quit. Blood was pouring down his face from cuts over both eyes and he admitted he could not even see Johnson.

"I said to myself, 'Hey, look, I have to go for a knockout before the referee stops it. I

just kept swinging. As long as I was throwing punches, I felt the referee wouldn't stop it."

He stopped Johnson in the eighth round of one of the best fights in recent years. But it wasn't as good as his first meeting with Johnson, two years earlier, when he stopped Johnson in the 12th round. The difference was that one had four more rounds of excitement.

They were typical Saad fights. He was forever getting into trouble, and then battling back. John Conteh, Vonzell Johnson, Jerry Martin and Murray Sutherland all were ahead of him early. But the most unforgettable fight of his reign was against another old warrior, Yaqui Lopez.

That eighth round of their 1980 title fight was Saad's life condensed into three minutes. Hurt, out on his feet and supported only by the ropes, he took 20 straight punches: left hook to the body, right hand to the head, left hook to the body, right hand to the head. Over and over.

"I hit him good, but he didn't go down," marvelled Lopez afterward. "That's why he's champion."

"He had me in trouble, I ain't going to sit here and deny it," Saad conceded. "But all the time, I knew I would come back and in that same round I came off the ropes and got him a few times."

Athletes often fail to recognize when their time is up. For a man like Saad, who was always coming off the ropes, it was even harder to admit that the body could no longer take that kind of punishment. Brinkmanship is very dangerous sport.

"My fights reflect my life, the way I had to come back," he had said. "All I ever think of when I'm getting hit is, 'You better win before the fight is over.'"

His fights in the ring are ended. Saad, his brain and his looks intact, is now going to try for a career as a model and actor. Boxing will miss him. Next month, when the cast comes off, the two-fisted attacks can resume.

Michael Katz is the chief boxing writer at The New York Times and the 1981 winner of the Nat Fleischer Award for excellence in boxing journalism. Experts question whether Mr. Katz' 'bionic' right hand will ever be the same again.

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COME OUT WRITING

MANCINI ON TOP FOR A REASON

RAY MANCINI'S CRITICS LIKE TO COMplain about the allegedly-poor opposition that he has been facing. But go take a look down the list of contenders, and see if anyone else does any better. Hector Camacho, the junior lightweight champion, has beat one quality foe in Bazooka Limon, who had just lost to Bobby Chacon. Camacho beat up the loser before Mancini went and beat up the winner, Chacon. Sure, Camacho is fast, but Mr. Hit-and-Hold has never been in a real fight. Mancini will surely give him that.

Howard Davis is a runner like Camacho, real fast, but who has he beaten? Personally I thought Baltazar and Fernandez both beat Davis, but only Jim Watt got the call against Howard.

Edwin Rosario got his butt kicked by Jose Luis Ramirez, but got a hometown decision. That's the same Ramirez who Boom Boom beat up for 12 rounds. No one even wants to see a rematch of that one.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not saying these guys aren't top class, but none of them have a Roberto Duran type roster. As for Mancini, he's a terrific fighter, no matter what Michael Katz or anyone else writes—that's why you rank him number one.

ROBERT CASAZZA, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DON'T TURN AWAY THE LIVE CROWD

HAVING READ THE "MODEST PROPOSAL" which your writer, Michael Katz, dreamed up after he was hit by beer tossed by some unruly fans after the stoppage of the Mancini-Chacon fight, I'm convinced that Mr. Katz was not only "drenched" in the suds, but was sloshed from consuming the stuff, as well.

Katz suggests that fights be held in television studios with only "*limited* live audiences" present. That almost seems to be the direction that boxing is headed in, but it's certainly not a good development for the sport.

Where does Katz think these TV fighters come from? Do they just spring up magically, ready to fight a 12-rounder on *Wide World of Sports*? No, they develop their skills fighting in small clubs, where the live gate provides the only revenue.

Even the top championship bouts, which draw most of their revenue from television, benefit greatly from having a strong live gate. Can the electricity in the air in a packed arena or stadium be equaled by the sterile atmosphere at one of those made-for-TV bouts?

If fan rowdiness is a major problem—and I don't think it's any worse in boxing than in other popular sports—then bags should be inspected at the gate to keep bottles out, and disruptive spectators should be ejected. But don't let the small proportion of bums destroy the game for everyone.

BARNEY GLOVER, DENVER, COLO.

HEARNS' NEW STYLE A TURN-OFF TO FAN

THOMAS HEARNS KEEPS SAYING NOW that he wants to challenge Marvin Hagler, but I think that Hearns is destroying whatever value that fight may have had with his recent atrocious performances.

Whatever happened to the "Hitman" who decimated Cuevas? Hearns now seems content to just go through the motions and win lackluster decisions from fighters of the ilk of Luigi Minchillo.

I think that the battering that Sugar Ray Leonard gave Thomas Hearns in 1981 has permanently altered Tommy's psyche. The strange part is that Hearns had been fighting really well for the first 10 rounds of that bout with Ray.

The name of the game may be boxing, but people still pay to see punching, with the fighters going all out. Hearns' new-found timidity will chase away his fans faster than the mayor of Detroit can haul them in with his crazy sponsorship schemes.

MARK McDERMOTT, FLINT, MICH.

KING-SIZE HYPOCRITE

DON KING IS A HYPOCRITE, DESPITE what he claims in your interview ("King O.K.'s Coetzee Fight In South Africa," February). If Mr. King thinks there is a moral difference between just taking a cut of the profits or promoting a fight in South Africa, he should ask a lawyer whether there's any difference between murdering somebody or hiring someone else to do the killing.

JOHN ROBERTSON, CAMBRIDGE, ONTARIO, CANADA

A.C. JUDGING 'HAZZARDOUS'

I WAS SHOCKED TO SEE THE USUALLY competent Larry Hazzard and Joe Cortez embrace the Roland Dakin-Rodolpho Hill philosophy of fight-judging. That's the one whose disciples score extremely close and competitive title fights as one-sided blowouts for their countryman or for the promoter's favorite fighter. Dakin demonstrated the technique during the first Antuofermo-Minter contest and Hill perpetuated the practice during Pedroza-Lockridge I.

Cortez' and Hazzard's scorecards for the Michael Spinks-Eddie Davis Light Heavyweight Title fight, reading 119-109 and 118-111 respectively, in no way reflected what happened during the fight. For 11 rounds, the outcome seemed in doubt. In my opinion and that of judge Carol Castellano, who scored it 115-114, it was Spinks' dominance in the final round that narrowly averted an upset.

Unfortunately, Cortez and Hazzard scored the fight as if they were the president and vice president of the Michael Spinks fan club. Their highly questionable scoring demonstratest that the "Dakin-Hill" philosophy is just as disturbing as the "Jutras-Oveson-Yoshida" school, which teaches judges to score more than half the rounds even.

KEN POLLITT, WOODMERE, N.Y.

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BRAVO TO THE RING FOR FINALLY RATING the cruiserweights and giving Carlos De Leon the World Championship recognition which he deserves. I've seen De Leon fight and have been impressed with his effective counter punching. As good or bad as the cruiserweights may be—I think they are at least as good as several other established classes—De Leon has certainly established his pre-eminence.

Hopefully, with THE RING's support, the cruiserweight division will be given more coverage. It may develop into one of box-

ing's most action-packed classes.

LAWRENCE TOLCHER, ALBANY, GA.

FOR YEARS THE RING ARGUED AGAINST the creation of meaningless new weight classes, but now you've gone right along with it. The so-called cruiserweight division is a farce. It only further dilutes the already-thin talent among fighters in the heavier divisions.

DONALD LARKIN, DAVENPORT, IOWA.

I HAVE NO ARGUMENT WITH THE RING recognizing the division between heavyweight and light heavyweight. I think it was long overdue. But I have two questions: 1. Why do you call it "cruiserweight" like the WBC does instead of "junior heavyweight" like the WBA? In all the other "intermediate" classes you reject the WBC's "supers" and go with the WBA's "juniors." 2. Just what in fact is the cruiserweight weight limit? Is it 190 pounds or is it 195?

MATTHEW Y. KINEL, CAHOKIA, ILL.

• 1. "Cruiserweight" is the name that the division is most often referred to as, both by the public and by people in the business. We see no reason to call it anything else. 2. When the WBC first established the class, the upper limit was 190. The WBA and the IBF still have a 190-pound limit; the WBC has since raised it to 195. Obviously it would be in everyone's interest to have a uniform weight limit for the division. **—Editor.**

JAWS

I VERY MUCH ENJOYED MICHAEL SILVER'S feature, "THE RING's Top Ten Glass Jawed Fighters of All Time," but I think it was wrong to include Ken Norton on the list. Norton didn't show a glass jaw, so much as a pair of glass parts lower down on his anatomy. Those quick KO's which Norton suffered at the fists of Foreman, Shavers and Cooney—hell, the exact same thing would have happened to any fighter who just stood there and allowed those monster punchers to whack him.

Norton was probably one of the five best heavyweights of the last 20 years. Norton executed some brilliant battle plans against top-notch fighters such as Ali, Quarry and even Holmes, though he lost to Larry. But if Ken was facing a fighter with a "rep" as a devastating hitter—forget it! Norton would enter the ring with all the confidence and exhuberance of a man going to the gallows.

PIERRE LASSITER, BATON ROUGE, LA.

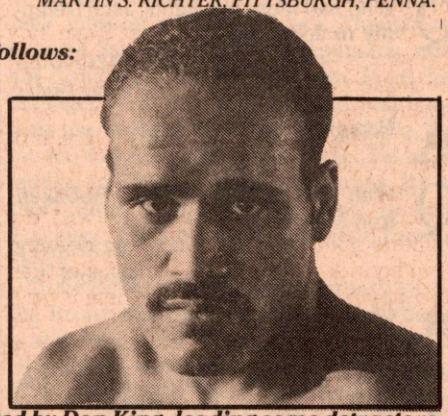
WHO'S BEY?

IN THE APRIL ISSUE OF THE RING, THE INTERNATIONAL RATINGS LIST A David Bey of Pittsburgh as the number seven heavyweight contender in the world. I have scoured your U.S. ring reports for results of any bouts he may have won in the past year, and consulted with other boxing afficionados in the area to learn more about this Pittsburgh ring wizard. Nobody knows anything about him. Can you furnish any information at all about our local boxing hero?

MARTIN S. RICHTER, PITTSBURGH, PENNA.

• Bey has a 12 wins and no losses, as follows:

Nov. 11, '81—James Douglas, Pittsburgh	KO 1
Feb. 24, '82—Larry Ham, Atlantic City	KO 1
Mar. 20, '82—Steve Fleimister, A.C.	KO 2
Apr. 9, '82—B.B. Johnson, Cleveland	KO 1
May 2, '82—Levan Bumpers, Cleveland	KO 1
June 27, '82—Larry Sims, Cleveland	W 6
Aug. 14, '82—Jack Watkins, Cleveland	KO 2
Oct. 2, '82—Larry Beilfuss, A.C.	KO 4
Nov. 26, '82—George Chaplin, Houston	KO 4
Feb. 12, '83—Charlie Johnson, Cleveland	KO 2
July 15, '83—Grady Daniels, Las Vegas	KO 1
Aug. 17, '83—Alf Coffin, Las Vegas	KO 2
Mar. 9, '84—LeRoy Caldwell, Las Vegas	W 10



Bey is managed by Carl King and promoted by Don King, leading some detractors to charge that his "good connections" are responsible for his world ranking (The WBA ranks Bey No. 8). But he is unquestionably a powerful puncher, whose mobility has improved dramatically since he shed some 50 pounds from his amateur fighting weight of over 270 pounds. When the 27-year-old Bey begins fighting against a better grade of competition we'll find out how good he really is. **—Editor.**

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Q Where was Flash Elorde from?

—JUAN C. ENOJADO
Arnold, Pa.

A *The Philippines.*

Q How can I get in touch with Gerry Cooney?

—PAUL NOBLE
Royal Air Force

A *Write to Cooney c/o Michael R. Jones, 228-11 Linden Blvd., Cambria Heights, New York 11411.*

Q What was the site of the Jack Johnson-Al Kaufman 10-rounder of September 9, 1909?

—JEFF CANDULO
Elizabeth, N.J.

A *The Mission Street Arena in colma, California.*

Q Who had more pro fights, Jack Dempsey or Joe Louis?

—JACK FITZGERALD
Peoria, Illinois

A *Dempsey.*

Q Who was known as the "Hoboken Iron Man?"

—AL DELAHANTY
New York, N.Y.

A *Charley Seiger.*

Q How big was Jimmy Barry, the Chicago fighter of the 1890's?

—HARRY SILVERSTEIN
Springfield, Ill.

A *Barry was 5 ft. 2 in. tall and fought at weights ranging from 98 to 115 pounds. His best weight was approximately 106.*

Q Was Dick Roche, the man who refereed several title bouts at the Broadway A.C. in New York in the 1890s, any relation to Billy Roche, the ref of the early 1900s?

—JOHN BATIE
Hartford, Conn.

A *Dick was Billy's father.*

Q How much did Battling Shaw weigh at the start of his pro career in the 1920s?

—CARLOS GONZALEZ
Guanajuato, Mexico

A *Shaw was a bantamweight when he made his pro debut in 1927.*

Q Who is the oldest living former pro world champ aside from Johnny Wilson?

—BERNARD YAVITZ
Key West, Fla.

A *Former world junior lightweight champion Steve (Kid) Sullivan.*

Q Who was the first Korean boxer to win a world title?

—LENNY SEIDEL
Galesburg, Ill.

A *Ki-Soo Kim. He won the world junior middleweight crown by beating Nino Benvenuti in 1966.*

Q What was the "paperweight" division?

—THEODORE BERGER
Iowa City, Iowa

A *A division that existed c. 1890-1908. It was the precursor of the modern flyweight division and had weight limits ranging from 98 to 108 pounds.*

Q Did Kid Murphy ever hold the world bantamweight title?

—JACK KIPNESS
Fresno, Calif.

A *Murphy claimed the American bantamweight title when he beat Johnny Coulon in Milwaukee on March 1, 1907, but never held the world crown.*

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

VETERAN BOXERS' BEAT

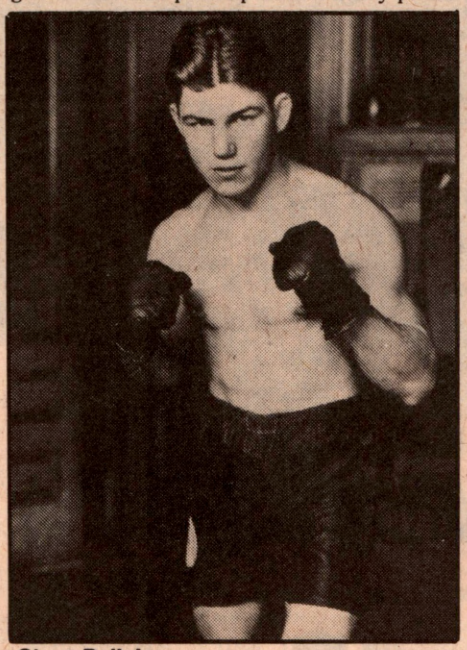
BY CHARLIE SPINA

ON FEBRUARY 11, 1984, THE BLACK cultural and Historical Society of Union County, N.J., held its eighth annual Frederick Douglas Awards Dinner Dance at the Westwood Restaurant in Garwood, N.J. The evening was to honor the Rev. Burton C. Cathie, a former boxer from Plainfield, N.J., and now pastor of the Community Church of God in Plainfield, along with Robert W. Lee, President of the IBF, USBA and newly-appointed Chairman of the New Jersey State Athletic Commission. New Jersey Governor Thomas H. Kean appointed Lee to that post in March, replacing the retired Jersey Joe Walcott.

The New Jersey Chapter of the National Italian Sports Hall of Fame held their first Induction Ceremonies and Dinner-Dance on February 10, 1984, at the Loew's Glenpointe Hotel, Teaneck, N.J. Honored were Paul Cavalier, Tippy Larkin, Augie Leo, Joe De Pietro, Angelo Bertelli and Marty Liquori. The "Man of the Year" award went to John F. Inganamort; the "Special Achievement Award" to Vincent "Vic" Piano; and a special award went to popular TV star Tony Danza. Dan Marino received the "Red, White and Green Publication Athletic Award." The Co-Masters of Ceremonies were Tommy Lasorda of the Los Angeles Dodgers and Phil Pepe of the New York Daily News. NIASHF President George Randazzo, New Jersey chapter president Lou Duva and comedian Pat Cooper should be commended for the excellent job in setting up the dinner and in seeing that the 800 dinner guests had a wonderful time.

LOU BROUILLARD, FORMER WELTERweight and middleweight champion, is currently in the State Hospital, at Taunton, Mass., suffering from Alzheimer's Disease. Fans who want to wish him well can write to him at his home: 374 Plymouth Street, R.F.D., Halifax, Mass. 02338. His wife will make sure he receives your cards and letters.

Joe Herman, 85, died on February 24 of injuries received when he was hit by an automobile. He was one of the last of the old guard. Herman participated in every phase



Steve Belloise

of the sport, going back to the days when Jack Johnson wore the crown. Though he lived in San Francisco, his reputation was not confined to the S.F. Bay area. In all, he managed over 500 fighters, and had contacts the world over. Born in Yugoslavia, he moved to Los Angeles as a youth. He later moved to Fresno, then to Australia for a short time, before settling down in San Francisco. He is survived by a niece. Rest in Peace.

Steve Belloise, 65, died on February 18, in the Bronx Veterans Hospital. He had been hospitalized four years with Alzheimer's Disease. He was a native of the Bronx, New York. His brother, Mike, held the New York State version of the featherweight title in 1936. Steve began his career in 1938 and fought for 12 years. His overall record was 110-12-2, including 55 knockouts. Ken Overlin, Ceferino Garcia and Sugar Ray Robinson were among the top names Belloise faced. Following his retirement, Belloise was employed as a bricklayer, and later as a New York City building inspector and highway employee. He is survived by his mother, his wife, a son, three daughters and three grandchildren. Rest in Peace.

ERIC SEELIG, 73, DIED OF CANCER IN mid-January. He was an outstanding middleweight in the 1930's and a leading contender for the crown. During his career, he fought six world champions and many top-rated challengers. Born July 12, 1910, in Bromberg, Germany, Seelig's biggest victory was a TKO over Mickey Walker in 1935. Seelig also beat Ken Ovelin, Glen Lee and Kid Tunero. Some of the other top names he fought were: Ralph DeJohn, Teddy Yarosz, Marcel Thil, Fred Apostoli, Gustave Roth and Billy Conn. He was a popular figure in Atlantic City and will be missed. Rest in Peace.

Tony Morgano, 71, died on February 2. He was the President of Ring One of the South Philadelphia Veteran Boxer's Association. He had been head of the organization since 1965. Morgani, in his prime, had been a top Philadelphia lightweight. He began his boxing career when he was 15, under a contract to well-known gambler Max "Boo Boo" Hoff. He boxed in and around Philadelphia for six years, then began barnstorming the nation with middleweight Frankie Caris. In 1935, they hit the west coast and caught the attention of many Hollywood impresarios. Somehow, they wound up in the 1935 musical, "Golddiggers of Broadway," with Dick Powell and Joan Blondell. Then came a movie with Mae West followed by a cowboy film. During his boxing career, Morgano had a 100-6-7 record. He'll be missed by his wife, Patricia, sons Kevin, Tony Jr. and Michael, two brothers and a sister. The boxing world will also miss him. Rest in Peace.

Tom McNeeley, ex-heavyweight contender, now works as a Recreation Officer in the Massachusetts prison system.

Ruby Goldstein, "The Jewel of the Ghetto," won all but six out of 60 fights. However, as we go to press, Ruby is engaging in his toughest battle—cancer of the throat. He is currently undergoing cobalt treatment in the Mount Sinai Hospital in Miami Beach. With God's help, Ruby will beat the odds and come out a winner. Our prayers are with you, Ruby.

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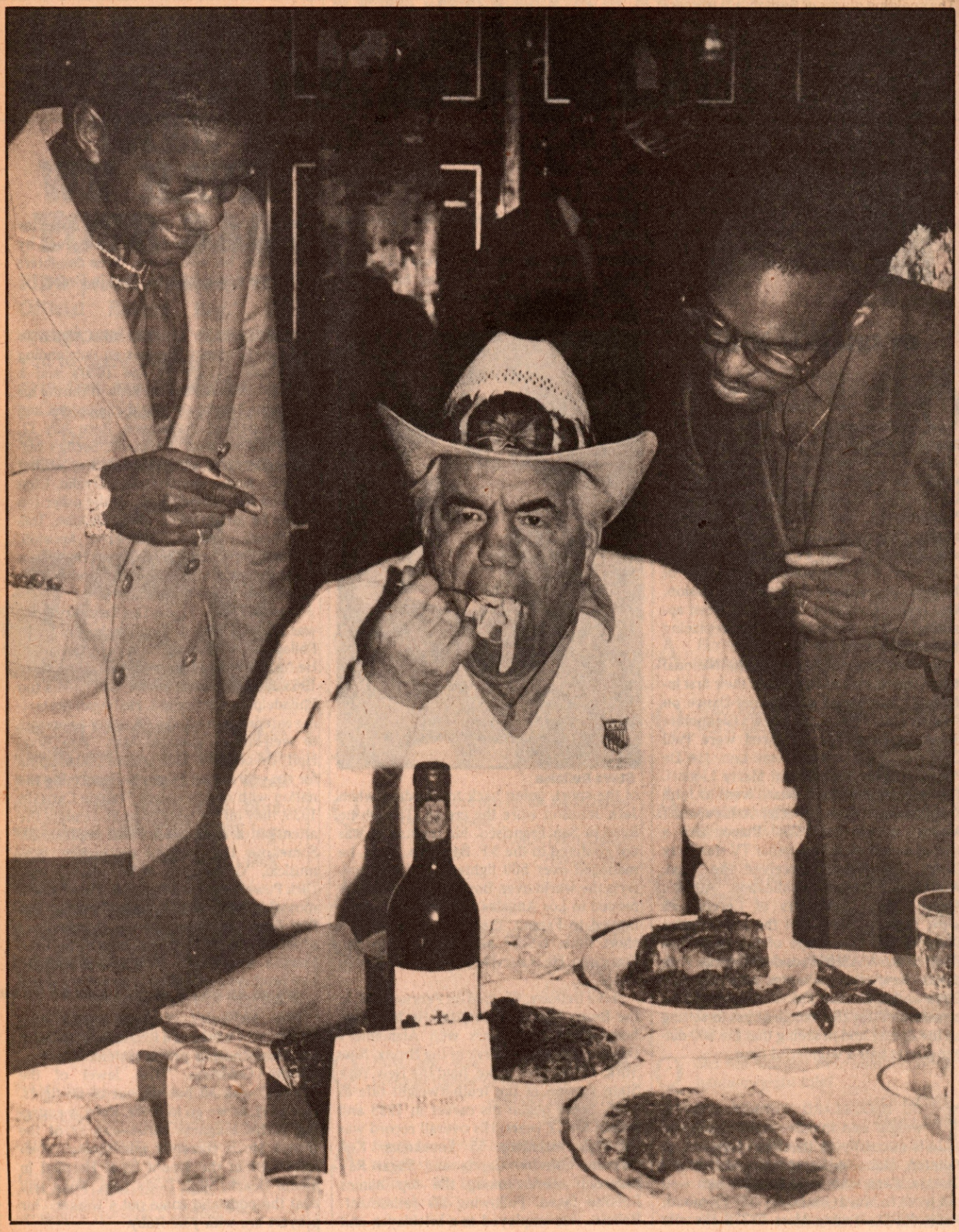


The scolding glares of Bumphus (left) and Lockridge can't keep Lou Duva from enjoying his meal at *San Remo's*

Enjoying his most successful year in 1984, Lou Duva manages to stay hungry. By RANDY GORDON

THE FIGHTERS' MANAGER

THE SCENE IS ONE OF pandemonium. It is October 1, 1981. Johnny Carter has just been awarded a 12-round decision over Diego Rosario on ESPN. the normally-placid Atlantic City hotel crowd—many of them "high rollers" who are guests of the hotel—jeer and howl in disgust. ESPN's commentators denounce the decision, calling it a horrendous one. ESPN's switchboard lights up with irate viewers set to voice their displeasure and anger over the decision. Nobody, though, is angrier than Rosario's cornerman, a bulldog-faced man of lightweight stature and heavyweight girth. The cornerman storms around the ring, his arms flying in one direction, his legs in another. A national television audience watches as the manager begins pushing and shoving and smashing everything — including his son—in his path. In the following days, the cornerman's tirade is replayed dozens of times on stations throughout the country. Fans see the replay, see him battling for his fighter, battling for something he believes in, battling to correct what he believes has been a gross injustice. It is likely that, on that night, Lou Duva's rocket to recognition and stardom took off.

Yet, Duva's tempermental explosion on national television was not planned, not contrived, not a publicity gimmick. It was something which just happened, an incident which touched a sensitive nerve in the fiery, outspoken Duva, sending him bounding through the ropes and around the ring in search of justice for his fighter. Lou Duva fights for what he believes in and for those on his side.

"If you stand by Lou, he'll stand by you," is how his fistic partner of four years, Manhattan-based rock 'n' roll impresario Shelly Finkel, describes Duva's relationship with associates. Duva's love for boxing goes far beyond reason. Perhaps it even goes beyond understanding and sanity.

"Some men were born to be fighters," says Duva. "I was born to be a manager of fighters. I was born to care for them."

Care for them he certainly does. Just ask the young men whose careers he guides. Ask James "Hardrock" Green if Duva cares. Ask Livingstone Bramble. Ask Bobby Czyz. Ask Vinnie Pazienza. You can also ask Johnny "Bump City" Bumphus and Rocky Lockridge. On the record or off, Lockridge and Bumphus — pals since their childhood days in Tacoma, Wash.—will say they made the right move when they signed with Duva. Big Lou "rewarded" them by bringing out the most of their fistic talents, moving them into the ratings and getting them world title shots. They "rewarded" Duva with their hard work and by becoming champions within a month of one another. Bumphus became Duva's first world champion when he outpointed Lorenzo Garcia over 15 rounds for Aaron Pryor's vacant WBA junior welterweight title last January 22. On February 26, Lockridge became World Junior Lightweight champion when he kayoed Roger Mayweather with one mighty right hand in the opening round. For Duva and Bumphus, Lockridge's win was especially sweet. Rocky had lost twice before in world title fights, and this may have well been his last chance at a championship, or at least, his last shot for quite awhile.

"Neither one of them surprised me by becoming champion," said Duva. "You haven't seen anything from them yet. The championships are going to make both of them better fighters. With the talent these guys have, I don't see anybody around capable of beating them. Bumphus has never lost. He never will. Lockridge has only lost three times in 36 fights. Two of those losses were close decisions to a great champion. Rocky is going to be a champion for a long time."

Duva's pleasure comes, not from the dream most managers have of earning big

money off their fighters, but merely from working with them and sharing in their ultimate success—a world championship.

Lou's oldest son, 33-year-old Dan, says of his father, "Lou loves his fighters. With him, managing a fighter is the only thing he does. It's the only thing he wants to do. He studies tapes of all his guys in action. He replays them over and over. Sometimes he'll just watch the guy throw a combination a dozen times. The next day, Lou'll be in the gym with the guy correcting some flaws and improving on the guy's strengths. I believe Lou's total dedication to what he does separates him from all other fight managers."

Duva's love for boxing was nurtured from a time longer ago than he can remember. Born on May 28, 1922, Lou was the fourth of six children raised by Salvatore and Mary Duva.

"They found me on the steps inside a 16-ounce boxing glove," Duva jokes. The first four years of his life were spent on Broome Street in New York City. Then, his parents moved the family to Paterson, New Jersey.

When he was barely out of diapers, Lou remembers walking to the gym with his only brother—Carl—who is 13 years his senior.

"I remember carrying Carl's bags to the gym," said Lou. "Carl grew up with guys like Sid Terris and Ruby Goldstein. I'd watch him work out. I can still hear the sounds that came from the gym. It really got me interested in the sport."

WITH THE ONCOMING depression and the size of his family, Duva had to grow up fast. At 12, he was already earning money by setting up pins in a bowling alley, shining shoes, delivering newspapers and selling the *Daily News* and *Daily Mirror*. This left little time for school and even less time for homework. After three months of formal education, Duva dropped out of Central High in Paterson.

"My family needed money," explained Duva. "They weren't going to get it with me having my nose in books all day. My dad just didn't earn enough in the dye house he worked in. Carl also worked there later on. Ten and 12-hour work days were common then and you'd come home with just a few bucks a week."

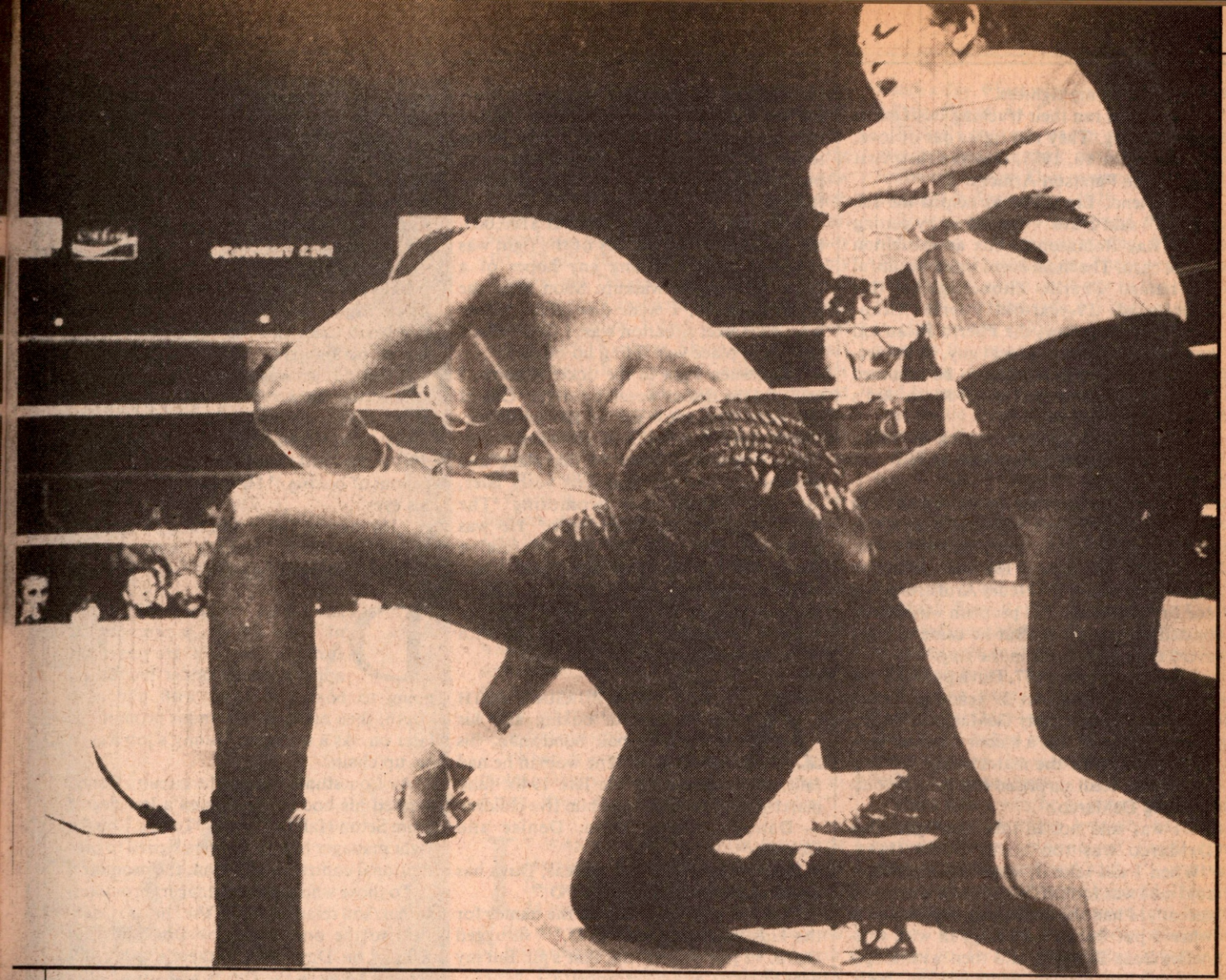
At 14½ years of age, Duva entered a trade school where he learned to drive a truck. He also began to box following in the footsteps of his brother Carl.

I picked up some pretty good money by boxing in bars," recalled Lou. "I fought all around the North Jersey area. I fought before work, after work, and sometimes even on my lunch hour." Then he jokes, "But that was about 100 pounds ago."

In 1942, shortly before his 20th birthday and with the United States already at war, Duva enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was sent to Camp Hood (now known as Ft. Hood) in Texas, where he learned to drive tanks.

"I never got out of this country," said

Above: Buddies since childhood, Rocky Lockridge (l) and Johnny Bumphus posed together for this Tacoma Boy's Club photo circa 1969. Top right: It's all over for Roger Mayweather as Lockridge becomes champ. Right: Bumphus' long jab and quick hands made him Lou Duva's first world champion when he outpointed Lorenzo Garcia last January.



Duva. "Why, I never even got out of Camp Hood. I drove tanks all over the camp fighting the 'Battle of Texas'."

Upon his discharge from the service in 1944, Duva became a professional fighter managed by brother Carl.

"I had something like 26 pro fights," said Duva, "and lost about five or six times. I was a bad kid when it came to training. I was never in great shape, because I worked at so many jobs and had so little time to spend in the gym. I was a big puncher with a small gas tank."

Following the war, Duva not only turned professional, but followed his parents to Miami, where his father opened a restaurant near the shipyards.

"I helped out in the restaurant," recalled Duva "and I also made deliveries for my cousin, who was in the bakery business. I also fought in the Orange Bowl the night Gunner Barland fought Joe Baksi."

In the late 1940s the Duvas sold the family restaurant and moved back to New Jersey. It was then that Lou purchased a truck and opened his own delivery business. Within a few years, he was the owner of a 32-truck textile business. Many of his drivers were fighters managed by Bill Daly, who had once been the manager of Carl Duva. They included Ray Wilding, Lee Savold, Fritzie Pruden and Jimmy Flood. Soon, the Duva brothers had earned enough money to open the "Garden Gym" on Market Street in Paterson. One of the men who used to frequent the gym was comedian Lou Costello, of "Abbott and Costello" fame.

"Costello was a good amateur fighter and a heckuva fan," said Duva.

"Bud Abbott was also a big fan. I don't think there was one *Paterson News* Diamond Gloves tournament that the two of them didn't fly in from Hollywood for. We're looking to erect a big statue of Costello in Paterson. And right now, the gym my guys train at is called the 'Lou Costello Gym.' I'll always remember Lou Costello and all the support he gave both my

shows and all my fighters."

The Duvas ran their trucking business to make a living. They ran fights out of love. On December 10, 1955, they ran their first fight at the Paterson Armory.

"A friend, Ernie Braca, helped me sell tickets," said Duva. "He did so by getting Sugar Ray Robinson to box an exhibition on the card. The main event was a beautiful kid named Charlie Titone against this undefeated, 19-year-old Puerto Rican. Wouldn't you know, the Puerto Rican kid knocked out Titone, a local guy, in the second round. It was nothing to be ashamed about, though. The Puerto Rican kid's name was Carlos Ortiz."

About that time, a young German lightweight named Stefan Redl walked into Duva's gym.

"He came in and told me he wanted to be a fighter," said Duva. "He had been a successful fighter in Stuttgart, Germany, winning over 100 fights. He was an action fighter, cut out of the Henry Armstrong and Joe Frazier molds. His problem was that he busted up too much. But he came to fight every time he stepped in the ring."

On February 18, 1957, Duva put Redl in a 10-round fight against 29-year-old former lightweight king Paddy DeMarco in the St. Nick's Arena. It was a match made by Teddy Brenner, now the matchmaker for Top Rank, Inc. Redl surprised everyone by outpointing DeMarco.

"I was told not to take the fight, that DeMarco was too slick," said Duva. "When I did take it, some boxing people told me I was foolish. We showed 'em. Most recently, I had the same thing happen to me when I put Rocky Lockridge in with Cornelius Boza-Edwards and then with Roger Mayweather. Rocky whipped 'em both. Believe me, I'll never take a fight just because it's a good payday. If I put my fighter in, it's because I think he's gonna win and not for any other reason."

Duva remained in the trucking business until 1960. Then, Matty Silverman, Duva's close friend from Newark, noticed his friend growing restless. He offered Lou a new career.

"Matty owned a bail bond company," stated Duva. "He suggested I get involved. I did. I was in the business for 10 years. But, like always, I stayed close to boxing."

Part of that closeness was the promotion of the Dick Tiger-Joey Giardello middleweight title fight on December 7, 1963, in the Atlantic City Convention Center.

"I was working with Giardello, who was around 32 years old," said Duva. "Tiger's people were looking for a soft-touch defense. I spent three days in Jack Dempsey's restaurant convincing them Giardello was the guy they wanted. They were looking for $100,000 for Tiger. I talked them down to $40,000. I didn't have 40 grand, but bluffed the Tiger people into thinking I did. I then got Senator Hap Farley of New Jersey to get the New Jersey Hotel Association to put up $20,000. The rest I did with some fast talking.

"We figured to take in abouut $180,000, but the weather on the day of the fight was cold and dreary, killing any hopes of a large, last-minute walkup. Soon after the prelims started, I went downstairs to see what the ticket situation was. I liked what I saw—the place was filling up rapidly.

"But when I got to the ticket window, I was told the tickets weren't moving. One of the guys then took me to the basement. There were tunnels and runways there. Every guard and usher in the place had become my partner. Nineteen years later, my son, Danny, was promoting 'The Blockbuster on the Boardwalk.' He was given the floor plan of the Convention Center. It was the same floor plan I had used. It even had my name on it. Danny made them close off all the tunnels and runways so he wouldn't become partners with the ushers and guards the way I did."

AS LOU DUVA PURSUED BOTH his interest in boxing and his work as a bail bondsman, his family grew. The woman he had fallen in love with in the late 1940s (and married in 1949) had given him five children — Danny, Donna, Dino, Denise and Deanna.

Despite the way it may appear, Duva has no special love for the letter "D."

"I don't why we chose all the names for the kids beginning with a 'D,'" shrugged Duva. "I just picked 'em, that's all. But my wife knows I'm a bit strange!"

Enis Rizio first found out how "strange" Duva can be when she met him in the late 1940s. She was a singer in a minstrel chorus. Lou was a clown.

"I used to sing, tell jokes and fall on my face," Duva related. "One day I went up to Enis with charcoal all over my face and said, 'I'm gonna marry you someday.' We began dating after that." Jokingly, he added, "I stuck her with the bill the first couple of dates."

In 1973, Enis was stricken with Multiple Sclerosis. Four years ago, she was confined to bed. In May 1982, several of Duva's friends wanted to throw him a party for his 60th birthday. They wanted to make it a gala affair. Duva told them the thought was lovely, but he had a better idea. He suggested they throw him a party, with the theme being a "Lou Duva Roast," with money going to research for Multiple Sclerosis. Duva's idea was turned into action by his family. The evening was emceed by sportscaster Marv Albert at the posh Westmount Country Club in West Paterson. Close to 1,000 of Duva's friends, relatives, fighters and business associates showed up. Nearly $20,000 was raised for Multiple Sclerosis. At the end of the evening, which had been both sentimental and funny, Duva headed down a long corridor towards his waiting car. As he approached the car, he stopped to hug two of his best friends — Johnny Bumphus and Rocky Lockridge. Tears streamed down his Broderick Crawford-like jowls when he embraced his fighters.

"This dinner was for Enis," said Duva, swallowing hard. "In all my years, she's never taken me away from boxing. She never complained about a lack of money during the hard times. She never told me to get out of boxing." He wiped the tears from his eyes.

"He may be called 'Bulldog,'" said son Dan, "but he's nothing more than a playful, cuddly puppy dog!"

DAN DUVA IS THE PRESIDENT of Main Events, a promotional firm born in 1978. He served his apprenticeship under his father, going to boxing matches with him as a youth, then assisting him in his promotions later on. As a teenager, Danny's job was to set up chairs.

As Lou studied the fight circuit, Danny studied his books. He earned a law degree from Seton Hall University. Today, Lou the fight manager has his fighters signed to promotional contracts with Dan, the promoter.

To those who say the manager/promoter, father/son relationship of the Duvas is identical to the one shared by Don and Carl King, Lou Duva says, "there's a big difference between the Duvas and Kings when it comes down to business. Danny was raised around boxing. He came down to the gym and to the fights as a youngster. He did everything from setting up chairs to running the concession. In March, 1975, I had 'Irish' Ned Hallacy boxing 'Irish' Christy Elliott on St. Patrick's Day. Advance sales were $8,800. This fight was gonna be a real money-maker. Danny and my nephew Frankie (Belmont, now a producer for both ABC and Main Events) took the concession stand. Well, the day of the fight it hailed and snowed. The fight only did $11,000. I cleared $600. But Danny and Frankie, with their hot dogs, soda and beer, made over $4,000. The next day, they took off for Florida. I said, "Next time, you guys promote the fights. I'm running the concessions!" But Danny did it all. He put up posters and delivered press releases. Danny has learned this game from the bottom up. I've always wanted to debate the Kings on boxing. Maybe we can be on *Family Feud!*"

When the time came for Lou to move

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back to his first love—managing and training—Danny was ready to step in as a full-time promoter.

"King didn't start in boxing until the early '70s" stated Lou. "Danny knew everything about boxing before King even knew what a boxing glove was. And Carl never hung around the gyms the way Danny did. That's the difference. *I* manage my fighters, not Danny. I deal with everybody as a manager. I deal with (Bob) Arum. I deal with the Garden. I deal with King. I deal with (Cedric) Kushner. Show me where Carl King deals with Arum, the Garden, Kushner and Main Events. My son also promoted Sugar Ray Leonard vs. Thomas Hearns. They're not my fighters. Danny promoted Aaron Pryor vs. Alexis Arguello. They're not my fighters, either."

When it comes to negotiations for his fighters, Lou can be ruthless. At that time Dan becomes merely another promoter.

"We're not father and son when it comes time for negotiations," laughed Lou. "I'm always looking for the best deal for my fighters. Danny doesn't always agree with what is best for my fighters. We go to war sometimes. I fight for my fighters. He fights for his promotion. But he's smart enough to know what any fight or promotion will draw in terms of dollars and cents.

"When it comes to being a smart promoter, Danny doesn't take a back seat to Arum, King, the Garden or anyone else!"

IT WAS AT AN AMATEUR SHOW IN Hartford, Connecticut, in 1978, that Duva met Shelly Finkel, who was then 34 years old. Finkel was the promoter of the show, the U.S. vs. Poland. Because of his extensive work within the amateur ranks, Duva was called by AAU President Col. Don Hull to assist the novice Finkel with the program. The two became friends, then partners, in the management of Johnny Bumphus, Mitchell Green and Tony Ayala two years later.

"Lou is a hard-working guy who loves life and loves to have fun," said Finkel. "If he makes fun of somebody, that somebody is usually himself. We were once sitting with a fighter's mother and the woman said, upon hearing Lou speak of his own boxing experiences, 'Were you really a fighter?' Lou looked her straight in the eyes and said, 'You don't think I got this face being a ballerina, do you?'"

Today, Finkel and Duva have one of the closest partnerships in the business. Together, they are the managers of some of the world's most talented fighters. They also have the inside managerial track on some of the world's top amateur fighters.

"I don't think you'll ever find a guy who loves boxing more than Lou," said Finkel. "He can talk about it and be around it 24 hours a day. I just wish he would slow down a little. We all do."

Finkel's concern was in reference to the massive heart attack suffered by Duva following a show Dan promoted at Giants' Stadium in September, 1979.

"I was doing work around the clock," Duva said. "There was boxing. My union. The union. More boxing. There were just so many things going on. I was in the hospital five weeks. Afterwards, my doctors told me to give up the union or give up boxing. I gave up the union."

During Lou's recuperation, Lockridge and Bumphus led the team of Duva fighters over to the Duva household. They sat their manager down and laid down the law.

"They told me to start relaxing and to take it easy," recounts Duva. "They also told me to go on a diet. I didn't care for that too much. But I listened to them, at least for a while, anyway." When he said that, he smiled, glancing down at the large plate of pasta in front of him in Manhattan's popular San Remo Restaurant. As he shoveled mouthfuls of Fettucini Alfredo into his mouth, pushing behind it large slices of Italian bread, then washing it all down with white wine, Johnny Bumphus and Rocky Lockridge looked at each other, nodded, then walked over to Duva and took turns scolding the man who has become a father figure to them.

When asked why he has gone back to his old ways of working brutally hard and eating endless amounts of food, Lou sheepishly shrugged and said, "I've never worried about me. Maybe I should. I've got so much going for me. But everybody's gotta go. Everybody has to die sometime. When I go, I want it to be doing something I love. That something is boxing. But believe me, it's not gonna be easy for me to die. It's not gonna be easy at all."

ROCKY LOCKRIDGE AND Johnny Bumphus grew up together in Tacoma, Washington. Together, they boxed out of the Tacoma Boys Club, a club which produced, in addition to the two of them, Olympic champions Sugar Ray Seales and Leo Randolph.

Lockridge's contract was purchased from Tacoma businessman Joe Williams for $5,000 in 1979. At the time, Lockridge was 2-0. At about the same time, Lou Duva also purchased the contract of Leo Randolph. However, Randolph became homesick in New Jersey, and Duva sold Randolph's contract. In losing Randolph, Duva lost the man who would have become his first champion—on May 4, 1980, Randolph stopped defending WBA titlist Ricardo Cardona to win the junior featherweight crown. Five months later, Lockridge took a 16-0 record

into a title fight against Eusebio Pedroza. In an extremely close fight, Pedroza retained his title with a 15-round split decision. The following month, Bumphus signed with Duva and Finkel.

After four impressive victories following the loss to Pedroza, Lockridge was matched against Juan LaPorte for the USBA featherweight crown. A single right hand in the second round made Lockridge a loser for the second time.

"The loss could have been shattering to Lockridge's ego and confidence," said Duva. "But we stayed right after him. After a month's rest, Lockridge was back in the gym again. Three months later, he was back on television and back on the winning track. Nine victories later, we had Lockridge back in against Pedroza for the title again."

However, when Lockridge lost a second decision to Pedroza, Duva had some serious thinking to do.

"I sat down with Rocky and George Benton," said Duva. "I told Rocky, 'I think you're days as a featherweight are over. Juan LaPorte holds one title and Pedroza the other. There's only so many times Pedroza can fight you. As for LaPorte, he'll take plenty of other fights before he lets you try to avenge your loss to him. I think you can move up in weight and be a stronger, even better fighter than you are now.' Lockridge and Benton agreed."

On September 9, 1983, Duva agreed to match Lockridge with former junior lightweight king Cornelius Boza-Edwards. The critics were all over Duva.

"They said I was doing it for a payday. They tore into my managerial ability. But I've said it before and I'll keep saying it—Lou Duva will never put a fighter into a fight unless he thinks the kid will win. I had no doubt Rocky would beat Boza. We had a secret weapon that fight. The secret weapon's name was Johnny Bumphus. He's a southpaw, just like Boza. He gave Rocky all the drilling and instruction he needed. he was the key to victory."

Following the impressive decision victory by Lockridge, Bumphus took a tuneup fight in preparation for his fight for Aaron Pryor's vacated junior welterweight crown. Then, on January 22, Bumphus stepped through the ropes in Atlantic City. Fifteen rounds later, he became Duva's first world champion with a unanimous decision. At ringside was Bumphus' wife, Debbie, alongside the Bumphus' best friends, Carolyn and Rocky Lockridge.

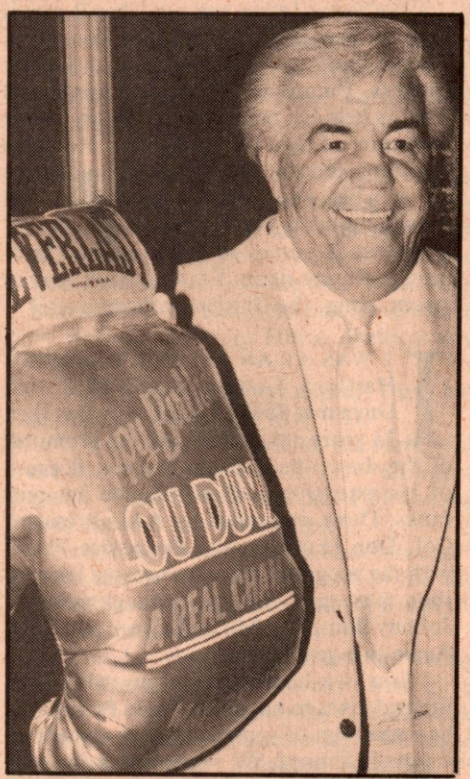
Just over one month later, "Johnny B.," as Lockridge calls him, was ringside in Beaumont, Texas, as Lockridge attempted, for the third time, to win a world title. This time the man in front of Lockridge was World Junior Lightweight Champion Roger Mayweather, a tall, fast, undefeated boxer-puncher.

Mayweather entered the ring wearing sunglasses, either in an attempt at "being cool" or as a "psyche" maneuver. But Duva screamed at the champion when he approached the challenger's corner, "Get out of here and back to your own corner. We're gonna get to you." Mayweather cringed, lowered his head and scampered away like a dog which had just been scolded.

The fight began and ended almost in the same breath. A short, powerful right hand found Mayweather's chin, knocking him down and out at 1:31 of the first round. Rocky was a champion at last. However, he was not the happiest person in the ring.

"Lou was crying out of joy," said Lockridge. "So was Johnny B."

Indeed, Duva and Bumphus were happier for Lockridge than the new champion was himself.



Big Lou at his gala 60th birthday party.

"I can honestly say I had greater feelings and emotions when Rocky won the title than when I became champion," said Bumphus. "Remember, I had seen my best friend written off not too long ago. Now, here I was with him as he became a champion. I don't know if I'll ever experience such a joyful feeling again!"

NOT ALL OF DUVA'S FIGHTERS have brought pleasure into his life the way Johnny Bumphus and Rocky Lockridge have. On New Year's Day, 1983, unbeaten junior middleweight contender, Tony Ayala Jr., who was on his way to becoming Duva's first champion, was arrested and charged with breaking into a young woman's home and raping her. It wasn't the first time he had done such a thing. It probably will be the last. After a trial in early 1983, Ayala was sentenced to between 15-35 years behind bars.

"I cried for days over Tony," said Duva. "He was an adopted son. I have no doubt he would've become a champion in 1983. In fact, I think he would've become one of the greatest fighters of all time."

Duva's eyes watered as he talked about Ayala.

"He broke my heart. Giving the devil his due, he knows it, too. There are nights I can't help but think how great he would've been. But I've gotta stop thinking about him. You know, it's ironic, but on the day Ayala was sentenced, Vinnie Pazienza and his father were with me. They had not yet signed with me. When we heard the news about Ayala, Vinnie's father saw how depressed I was. He said to me, 'Go get a contract, we're signing with you.' Boy, they know how to touch a guy's heart, don't they?"

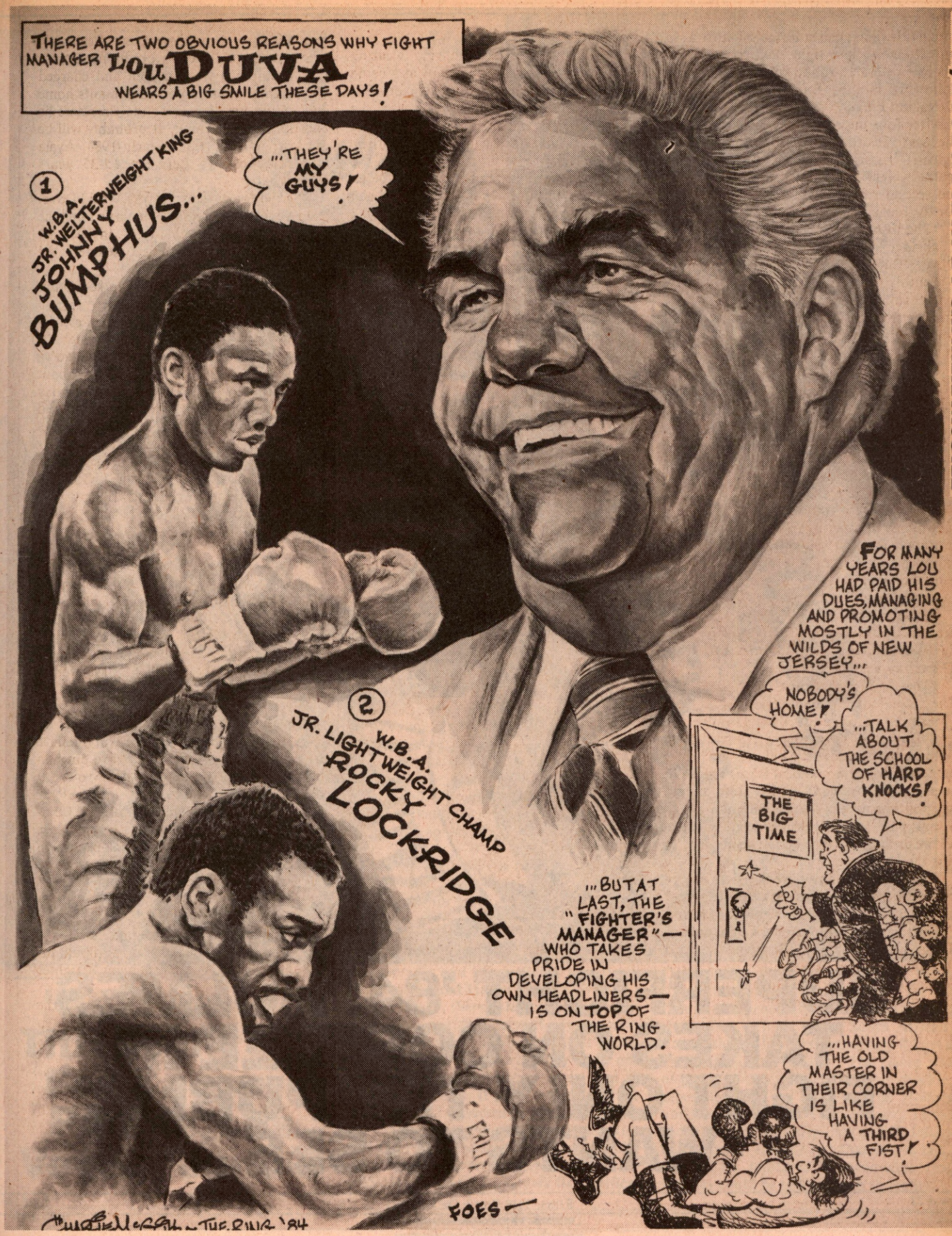
ON JUNE 1, DUVA WILL LEAD two of his fighters into championship bouts in Buffalo, New York. In one of the bouts, Livingstone Bramble will attempt to become Duva's third champion, when he challenges Ray Mancini for the WBA lightweight championship.

"Everybody says I'm nuts for putting Bramble in there," said Duva. "I think you know by now that if I didn't truly believe Bramble will win, I wouldn't have put him in there. I fully expect him to beat Mancini."

Also on the card will be Johnny Bumphus, who will be making the first defense of his WBA junior welterweight crown against rough Gene Hatcher. As always, Duva will be in the corner of "Bump City." As always, Bumphus' buddy, Rocky Lockridge, will be at ringside.

During a break in training, Bumphus took time to talk about Duva, and paid his manager the highest compliment a fighter can offer:

"I know I speak for Rocky and for all the guys who Lou manages," said the unbeaten WBA junior welterweight champion. "He's the best manager in the game. I'm proud he's my manager. I don't want it any other way. My contract with Lou and Shelly is up this November. At that time, I'm free to go my own way, become my own manager, if I want. All I know is that when they put a new contract in front of me, I'm not even gonna read it. I'm just gonna sign it!"■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SUPERFIGHT '84: HOLMES TAKES ON COETZEE IN FIGHT ONLY THE PUBLIC WANTS TO SEE

'Undisputed' Title Fight Set For Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, June 8

Holmes: 'I'll Be There Live And In Color!"

By BEN SHARAV

"BIGNESS," AS IT RELATES to prizefights, is an intangible. To a promoter, every title bout is a "Superfight." Matches of more-than local interest are deemed "Thrillers" and "Duels" and "Shootouts," promising "Thunder" and "Lightning" and "Mortarfire." There was "This Is It!" (which wasn't), and there've been enough bouts labeled "Fight Of The Century" to carry us through to the next Ice Age.

You can try to quantify how "big" a fight really is, using the dollar as the basic unit of measure. But that often requires reliance on purse and gate figures supplied by promoters more intent on self-aggrandizement and self-fulfilling prophecy than on dissemination of accurate information. You can try to compare promotions of different years, pegging dollar values to the Consumer Price Index, but that ignores technological change and other significant factors.

You don't need an MBA or a degree in tax evasion to know a big fight when you see it.

"Big" is a matter of degree. There is the small "big fight." That's the type that—while it's of major concern to readers of RING magazine and other die-hard boxing fans—loses out to golf tournaments, horse races and regular season basketball games in the battle for coverage in the general sports press (See Tommy Hearns vs. Wilfred Benitez or *any* non-heavyweight bout in the not-so-long-ago Muhammad Ali era).

Next up the ladder is the moderate "big fight." This one is the biggest piece of sports news for a day. There's a chance it'll make the cover of *Sports Illustrated*. It's likely to be shown on pay rather than free TV. It needs a lot of hype, because it usually masquerades as a "Superfight" (See Pryor vs. Arguello and Hagler vs. Duran).

And finally, there's the legitimate Superfight. This one dominates the sports news for at least a week, maybe several. It's good for two covers on *Sports Illustrated*, one before the fact and one after. But it transcends sports. It gets featured in *Time* magazine and dissected in the Sunday *New York Times Magazine*. William F. Buckley and George Will discourse on its interrelationship with the free enterprise system on PBS. Jack Newfield analyzes its ramifications for the downtrodden in the *Village Voice*. Hunter Thompson expounds on its importance to drug addicts in *Rolling Stone*. George Plimpton wants to referee it, but examines its consequences for Yuppies in *Esquire*. Jose Torres brings to the surface its underlying thread of Latin machismo in RING. And Norman Mailer integrates the bout's disparate facets, cataloguing its far-reaching influence on human civilization in a loosely-fictionalized, 2,986-page opus.

Fights of that magnitude occur with sporadic frequency. The "biggest" fight of the past quarter-century was Muhammad Ali vs. Joe Frazier. March 8, 1971. Undefeated World Heavyweight Champion vs. Undefeated World Heavyweight Champion. Purses of $2.5 million per man. The second-biggest was Ali vs. George Foreman. Zaire. Africa. The "Rumble In The Jungle." "The Greatest" vs. the world's most fearsome puncher.

No fight since has been as big as those two. But there've been a handful of Superfights in the decade since Ali-Foreman: Ali-Frazier III, Ali-Spinks II, Leonard-Duran I, Ali-Holmes, Leonard-Hearns and Holmes-Cooney.

The public decides what makes a Superfight, but one fact becomes apparent: A Superfight must have two super fighters —or it must have heavyweights.

For The 'Undisputed' Title

On June 8 in Las Vegas, Larry Holmes and Gerrie Coetzee will square off for the "undisputed" Heavyweight Championship of the World. This is the fight that the public—not the self-serving sanctioning bodies—demands.

The collision course to "Superfight '84" was set last September 23 when Gerrie Coetzee beat up and knocked out Michael Dokes in Richfield, Ohio to win the WBA title. Following that upset, Holmes for the first time opened the door a crack to a showdown with the white South African. Larry said, "I'll fight Coetzee only if I get a hundred million dollars." The figure was absurd and everyone had a good chuckle, especially when the morning after Holmes knocked out Marvis Frazier, Larry raised the "demand" to 100 million and 38 dollars and 96 cents. But the fact that he was talking dollars indicated to promoters that Holmes could be talked down to reality.

Holmes gave up his WBC title to go after this fight. The WBC, which doesn't like South Africans or WBA champions was trying to force Holmes to fight Greg Page, their number one contender for a comparatively low purse of $2.55 million. Larry took a calculated gamble. He believed the public would continue to support him as champion no matter what the WBC did. Holmes picked up the IBF title, for the benefit of those who like to see initials before the words "Heavyweight Champion."

The gamble paid off. Greg Page helped, by conscientously refusing to train for his bout with Tim Witherspoon for the WBC title. As hard as Page and promoter Don King tried to convince people that Holmes was "ducking" Page and was afraid of him, his obese appearance in the Witherspoon fight turned the assertion into a grotesque joke.

So Holmes and Coetzee are at center stage. The promoters who put the bout together, JPD Sports of California and Texas, have reportedly guaranteed Holmes $8 million. Coetzee is expected to receive between 3 and 4 million dollars after a roundabout series of payments made to satisfy previous obligations. JPD pays Don King, who owns co-promotional rights to Coetzee. King then takes his cut and pays Cedric Kushner, Coetzee's promoter and confidant, who pays Gerrie.

The day before the fight was officially announced to the press and public, the WBA "ordered" the promoters to cancel it. "Holmes is not rated by the WBA, so it is an illegal fight," said championship committee chairman, Elias Cordova. Cordova did however invite Holmes to "apply" for a rating. The only fathomable explanation for the WBA's perverse pronouncement was that the WBA wanted to extort a cash bribe in addition to its standard sanctioning fee. JPD president Ken Bounds, who is new at this game, said at the press conference that he hoped to settle things with the WBA and obtain their sanction. But Holmes, who's become experienced at this, told the WBA that he did not want their belt and that he would not "apply" for a ranking. The newspapers unanimously backed Holmes the next day, so JPD gave up on trying to buy an unnecessary WBA sanction. The WBA threw down its last card and announced that they will strip Coetzee of their title if he goes through with the fight. Coetzee, who saw how much fun Holmes had had doing it, told the WBA to drop dead. So it looks as if Holmes-Coetzee will become the first "undisputed" Heavyweight Championship fight since Muhammad Ali vs. Cleveland Williams in 1966 in which neither fighter holds a WBA or WBC title.

The Matchup

"In 15 rounds, I have to catch him some time. And when I catch him and hit him, I'll knock him out." *—Gerrie Coetzee*

"Ain't no one-armed man gonna beat me." *—Larry Holmes*

This will be Holmes' second multimillion dollar bout at Caesars Palace against a big white puncher with a name like "Jerry." Last time, on June 11, 1982, the opponent was Gerry Cooney, who came at Larry throwing almost all left hooks. Now Holmes faces Coetzee, whose big punch is the right cross.

Either way, Holmes will dictate the pace with his strong left jab. And Holmes will be there every round to counter Coetzee with his own right hands to the head.

Before Cooney challenged Holmes, he spent a lot of time in the gym working to strengthen his right. Coetzee will concentrate on throwing the left at his sparring partners, so he does not go in there a "one-armed man" against Holmes. In fact, in Coetzee's last fight, the title-winner against Dokes, he showed a creditable left that he had developed since coming to the U.S. to train.

Holmes, at 34, is six years older than Coetzee. Age could play a part in the fight. Holmes has not gone 15 rounds since the Tex Cobb fight in November, 1982 (thanks to the WBC's shortening of title fights to 12 rounds). Larry may age suddenly. But throughout his career, Holmes has shown good stamina, while Coetzee has often been left gasping in the late rounds. Coetzee's stamina was good in the Dokes fight; it has apparently improved with his reduction in poundage and adoption of American training methods.

If the fight is to end early, there's a good chance it will happen because of a cut on Coetzee. Holmes is a headhunter and Coetzee's been cut in his last two fights. "His white skin cuts easy," Larry Holmes says in one of his nastier moods. "I'll slice him open with my jab."

Coetzee's best chance for victory is by a knockout between the seventh and 12th rounds. "Snipes and Weaver and Shavers knocked him down," says Coetzee of Holmes. "I hit harder than they do. I'll keep him down. In the ninth round against Witherspoon Holmes was one punch away from being knocked out. I wouldn't have let him get away."

The Pick

Based on Holmes' outing with Witherspoon, Coetzee *should* win. He *should* be able to catch up with the aging Holmes and knock him out, as Coetzee says he will do.

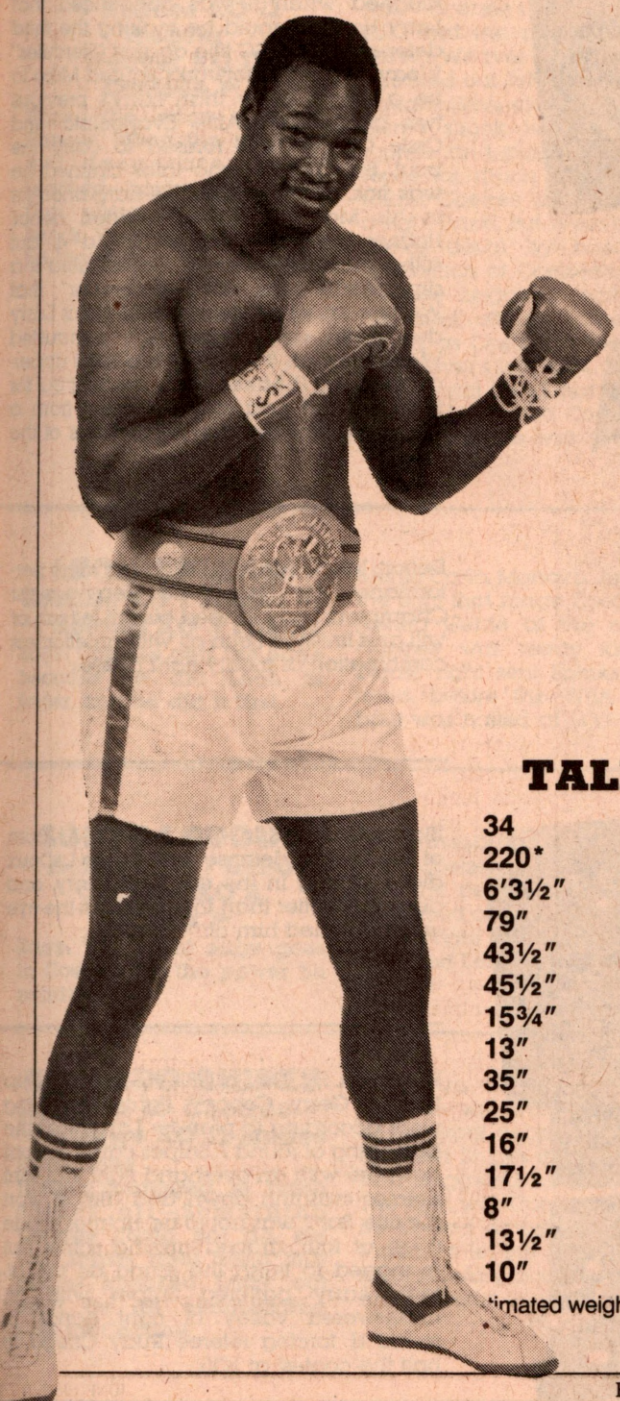
But Holmes *will* win. Coetzee's frame of mind is such that he's liable to be four-fifths beaten before the fight even starts. When the two are together in the same room, Coetzee seems in awe of Holmes.

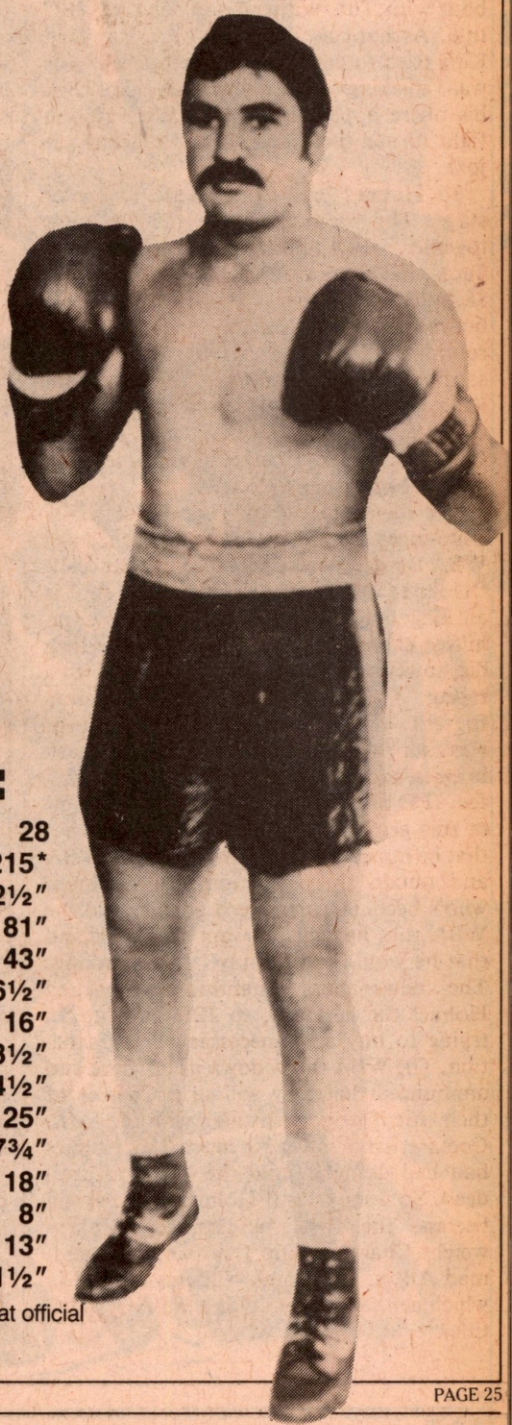
"I want to go down against Mr. Holmes who is a great champion, not against Alfredo Evangelista," Coetzee said at the New York press conference. Coetzee withdrew from a planned defense against Evangelista in order to challenge Holmes. The perceived implication that Coetzee expects to hit the deck against Holmes is not merely attributable to unfamiliarity with the language. Coetzee elaborates clearly: "If I have to lose, I want it to be to Mr. Holmes. I don't want to lose to Evangelista or Lucien Rodriguez."

Of all the comparative stats that can be tossed around for this fight, perhaps the one that means the most is this one:
Record in title fights:
Holmes: 18-0
Coetzee: 1-2
Holmes is 45-0 now, just four victories shy of Rocky Marciano's Heavyweight Championship record 49-0. "Holmes doesn't know when to quit," says Coetzee. "If he beats me, he'll keep on going and lose to someone else." Somehow, it seems that Gerrie expects both of those things to happen.

Super fighters should win Superfights. If Gerrie Coetzee knocks out Larry Holmes, no one will be more surprised than Coetzee. ■

LARRY HOLMES	vs.	GERRIE COETZEE
World Heavyweight Champion		WBA heavyweight champion
November 3, 1949	BIRTHDATE	August 4, 1955
Cuthbert, Ga., U.S.A.	BIRTHPLACE	Boksburg, South Africa
Easton, Pa.	RESIDENCE	Huntington Beach, Calif.
March 21, 1973	PRO RING DEBUT	September 14, 1974
45-0-0 (32 KOs)	PRO RING RECORD	29-3-1 (18 KO's)





TALE OF THE TAPE

34	AGE	28
220*	WEIGHT	215*
6′3½″	HEIGHT	6′2½″
79″	REACH	81″
43½″	CHEST (NORMAL)	43″
45½″	CHEST (EXPANDED)	46½″
15¾″	BICEPS	16″
13″	FOREARM	13½″
35″	WAIST	34½″
25″	THIGH	25″
16″	CALF	17¾″
17½″	NECK	18″
8″	WRIST	8″
13½″	FIST	13″
10″	ANKLE	11½″

*Estimated weights. Exact weights will be announced at official weigh-in on day of fight.

REVIEW OF BOUTS vs. COMMON OPPONENTS

HOLMES

Pensacola, Fla., Jan. 16, 1977—The heavyweight quarterfinal in the infamous King-Ring—ABC U.S. championship tourney. Holmes, the No. 4 ranked heavyweight in the world, won handily but looked less than special in his network TV debut. Prater got in some good head shots, but Larry landed most of the punches and coasted to the victory.

New York, N.Y., June 22, 1979—People laughed when it was announced that Larry Holmes would be making the third defense of his WBC title against "Hercules" Weaver. The TV networks figured Mike to be a bigger patsy than Larry's previous two challengers, Alfie Evangelista and Ossie Ocasio, and refused to carry the bout. But Holmes, who later claimed he was sick, got more than he bargained for in his Madison Square Garden debut. Holmes hit the deck in round 4, but although referee Harold Valan ruled it a slip, many fans still "remember" that Weaver knocked Holmes down. But Larry dug deep and floored the exhausted Weaver for an 8-count with a right uppercut in round 11. Mike barely made it out for the 12th, and had to be rescued from a swarming Holmes after 44 seconds of the round.

Detroit, Mich., June 12, 1981—A flawless performance for the World Heavyweight Champion. Larry landed his stiff left jab at will and finished Leon off with an effortless combination of mostly right crosses.

Bloomington, Minn., July 7, 1980—A "bum of the month" defense for Holmes. LeDoux didn't belong in the ring with Larry, and deserved better than the thumb-in-the-eye which finished him off.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 6, 1981—Holmes' tune-up for the Gerry Cooney fight. Everything went according to plan for Larry until the beginning of round 7. Snipes came in from nowhere with an overhand right that sent Holmes crashing down and almost won the title. But it was not to be. Holmes made it up at four, groped around some, but managed to finish the round on the attack. Larry battered Snipes with an unanswered volley of right hands in round 11, forcing referee Rudy Ortega to halt the contest at 1:05.

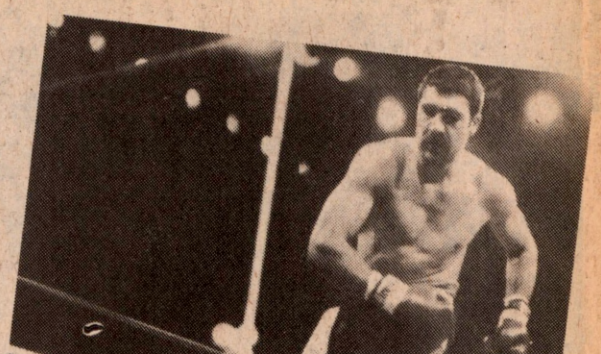
TOM PRATER

◄ Holmes W 8 Prater
Coetzee KO 4 Prater ►

Edge: The edge goes to Coetzee, but these fights happened so long ago as to be trivial.

COETZEE

Johannesburg, South Africa, October 29, 1977—Prater, who had a record of 17-3-1 prior to his run-in with Holmes, went on a tailspin afterward. Coetzee caught up with Prater four months after Tom had been knocked out by Scott LeDoux. Gerrie polished off Prater with ease.

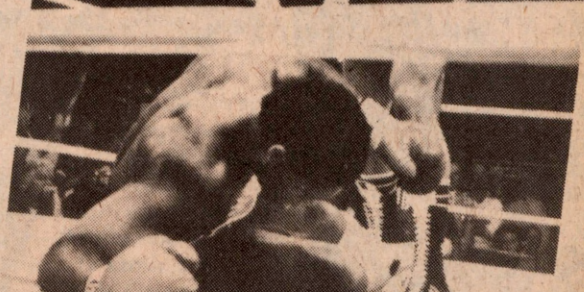


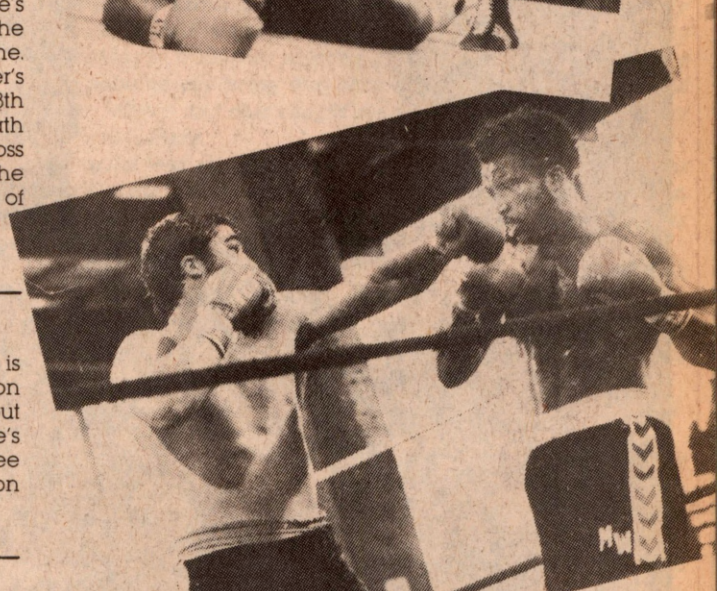
MIKE WEAVER

◄ Holmes KO 12 Weaver
Weaver KO 13 Coetzee ►

Edge: The edge goes to Holmes. When the situation got desperate, Larry reached back and found that extra something to knock Weaver out; Coetzee bit the dust.

Bophuthatswana, Southern Africa, Oct. 25, 1980—Coetzee's second shot at the WBA title, and the most grueling fight of his career. Weaver was the titleholder, having knocked out John Tate, who had won the vacant WBA crown by beating Coetzee. Gerrie shook Weaver up in the early rounds, and pushed him up against the ropes for much of the fight. In the 8th round, Coetzee almost decked Mike with a right hand. But Weaver brought Gerrie's hands down by busily pounding the midsection of Coetzee's 226-pound frame. Coetzee began to wilt under Weaver's two-fisted attack. Midway into the 13th round, as Coetzee moved out of the path of Weaver's left hook, Mike came across with a right hand that landed flush on the jaw and dropped Coetzee like a sack of potatoes. Gerrie was counted out at 1:49





LEON SPINKS

Coetzee KO 1 Spinks ►
◄ Holmes KO 3 Spinks

Edge: Coetzee gets the edge because he did Leon in faster, and he did it first.

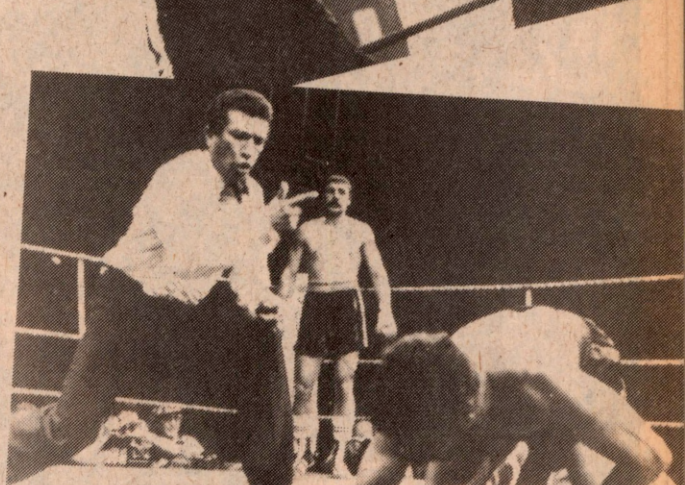
Monte Carlo, Monaco, June 24, 1979—This is the fight that made Coetzee famous. Leon rushed Gerrie at the opening bell but Coetzee was ready for him. Coetzee's bionic right sent Spinks sprawling three times, before this WBA title elimination bout was halted at 2:03.

SCOTT LEDOUX

◄ Holmes KO 7 LeDoux
Coetzee KO 8 LeDoux ►

Edge: The slight edge goes to Coetzee for the power he exhibited.

Johannesburg, S. Africa, March 27, 1982—Coetzee at his fearsome best. LeDoux was the perfect target to make Coetzee look good and Gerrie took full advantage. A left-right combination dropped the bloodied LeDoux for the count.



RENALDO SNIPES

Snipes W 10 Coetzee ►
◄ Holmes KO 11 Snipes

Edge: None
Holmes managed to finish Snipes off—Something Coetzee could not do. But that Snipes right hand that almost knocked Larry out must be an encouraging sign for Coetzee.

Tarrytown, N.Y., July 9, 1981—Snipes' split decision win was widely acknowledged as the worst decision of the year. Coetzee dropped Snipes in the 1st and 4th rounds, and staggered him in the 9th and 10th. The fight was Coetzee's for the asking, but he slowed down enough in the middle rounds to let the judges steal it. Using the suplementary points system, Gerrie would have been a unanimous decision winner.

RING ARCHIVES

A young Muhammad Ali is given a pre-fight check as Angelo Dundee (l) and Dr. Pacheco (r) look on.

THE FIGHT DOCTOR 'DISSECTED'

Quick-witted Ferdie Pacheco has a tongue sharper than any scalpel.

A group of men in three-piece suits—some in tuxedos—and women in expensive dresses and gowns, crowded around the oil paintings in New York's Spectrum Art Gallery, oohing and ahhing and nodding in approval at each painting they saw.

"I like this one," said a woman with a diamond-drop necklace—the diamond as big as a quarter—to a female friend who wore diamond earrings and at least one precious stone on every finger. The friend shook her head affirmatively and smiled. They were looking at a six-foot painting of Muhammad Ali, the essence of the painting capturing him throwing a long right cross. The brilliant yellows and reds caught the viewer's eye. The meticulous detail kept it there.

The artist was Dr. Ferdie Pacheco, who is best known as the "Fight Doctor," the title of a book he authored (Simon & Schuster, 1977), and for his work as boxing analyst on NBC-TV, alongside Marv Albert.

Pacheco was born in Tampa, Florida, 56 years ago, to Spanish parents. He left home at 16 to attend the University of Tennessee, where he studied pre-med, majoring in biology and chemistry. From there, he went to the University of Miami, where he earned a degree in pharmacy.

After serving the United States in the Korean War, Pacheco attended the University of Miami Medical School.

"In all, I attended five different universities over a 12 year period," said the outspoken Pacheco, who lives in Miami Beach with his wife, Luisita and 10-year-old daughter, Tina, whom he calls, "The pilot light of my life."

After graduating medical school, Pacheco opened up two offices—one in a black, indigent neighborhood in Miami, the other in a white, affluent section of the city.

It wasn't long before he became friendly with the Dundee brothers—Angelo and Chris—and began working with their fighters. Among his proudest moments is the night of March 21, 1963, when he worked the corner in three championship fights (Luis Rodriguez-Emile Griffith, Sugar Ramos-Davey Moore and Roberto Cruz-Battling Torres) in Los Angeles, a night when three new champions were crowned. Pacheco worked the corner of each of the winners.

One of the Dundee fighters Pacheco worked with from the start was Muhammad Ali—Cassius Clay back then.

"One of my earliest dealings with Ali was when Angelo sent him to my office to get a cold shot," recalls Pacheco. "Ali was deathly afraid of needles. I had to chase him all over the office just to give him the shot!"

During a quick breakfast which turned into a long lunch at the St. Regis Hotel in Midtown Manhattan with RING Editor Randy Gordon and NBC Sports Publicist Kevin Monaghan (nervously hoping Pacheco wouldn't slander anybody), Pacheco responded to the questions by pulling no verbal punches, certainly a "Fight Doctor" trademark.

PHOTO BY GEORGE KALINSKY

RING: In your mind, at what point should Muhammad Ali have hung up his gloves?

FERDIE PACHECO: After the Ken Norton fight in Yankee Stadium (September, 1976). After that fight, in the dressing room, Ali said, "I'm hanging them up. I can't do this any more." I said, "That's the smartest thing you can do. Everything's falling apart on you." The people around him who mattered, like Herbert (Muhammad, Ali's manager), said, "Don't worry, we're only going to take easy fights from now on." But then, they went ahead and signed to fight Earnie Shavers in the Garden. I told them, "Shavers is not only a hard fight for Ali, it's a brutal fight." I stayed on for the Shavers fight, but that was it. After the fight, a New York Athletic Commission doctor showed me a lab report on Ali's post-fight urine sample. There were tubular cells present (evidence of kideny damage). The doctor told me Ali would never be licensed in New York again. I took the report and had copies made. I sent copies to Ali, Ali's wife, Belinda, Herbert Muhammad and Angelo Dundee. I sent all of them Return Receipt Requested. I never heard from any of them.

RING: Was Ali the greatest fighter you ever worked with?

PACHECO: Yes. He was the greatest I ever worked with and the greatest fighter I ever saw. He was just amazing, even at the end, which was so sad, but in keeping in the footsteps of so many other great champions who hung around too long. But when things were going right for Ali, nobody was better.

RING: Tell us about some of the other interesting fighters you've worked with.

PACHECO: Well, the most fun I ever had with any fighter was Luis Rodriguez. He won the welterweight championship from Emile Griffith (1963) and lost it back to Griffith a few months later. Rodriguez was immensely talented—he fought—and beat middleweights and light heavyweights. There is also Florentino Fernandez, who is the roughest man I ever worked with. Fernandez had four fights with Rocky Rivero. We recently had a fight on NBC involving John Mugabi and James Green. It was a pretty rought fight. each of the Fernandez-Rivero fights made Mugabi-Green look like kindergarten. The funniest guy I've ever been around is Willie Pastrano. His biggest fight was just getting in the ring. He loved the ladies, had a real weakness for them. A rumor got started that Pastrano had taken on the lady who kept the door at the Fifth Street Gym. She was a real gargoyle. Chris Dundee said to him, "You're going to ruin your boxing career. Is an hour of fun worth a career in boxing?" Willie looked at Chris and with a straight face said, "How do you make it last an hour?" Pastrano was fun. So was Jimmy Ellis. From the point of just watching a fighter develop from nothing into a champion, my favorite would have to be Ellis. He was a sparring partner of Ali, a big middleweight. On the undercard to Ali-Zora Folley in 1967, Ellis knocked out Johnny Persol in round one. From there, Angelo Dundee—who is, in my mind, the greatest cornerman of all time, took Ellis from

being a middleweight to being the heavyweight champion.

RING: What was the toughest fight you ever saw?

PACHECO: The "Thrilla' in Manila." That fight turned into pure mayhem. That was supposed to be nothing more than a good action fight, a take-the-money-and-go-home fight, but Joe Frazier didn't see it that way. He made Ali reach further down than he ever had to reach before, and it turned into a great, great fight.

RING: Do you remember your fight as color analyst on network television?

PACHECO: Sure. It was on CBS, in February, 1978. My book, *Fight Doctor,* was out then. Both Spinks brothers were fighting that day. On the undercard, I was working with a big, strong heavyweight named Lou Esa. Brent Musberger was doing the fight for CBS. I told Brent, "My guy can really punch. I figure the fight'll last about five rounds, no more." However, the guy in the opposite corner, John Tate, had other plans. He knocked out Esa in the third round. Back in the dressing room, I was told that Musberger was feeling kind of uncomfortable doing the fight alone, that he wanted me to work with him. I couldn't believe it, because I looked at Musberger, as I still do, as a top professional. Why would he want me to do commentary with him? Anyway, I went out and worked with him. The bosses back in New York liked me, and that was that. But CBS was also using the man I regard as the best color analyst around—Gil Clancy. They were also using Angelo Dundee. I stuck around at CBS until Barry Frank, one of CBS' top men, was fired. I wrote him a letter saying how sorry I was and if I could help him in any way, he could call. Well, it wasn't long before he called. Among other things, Barry Frank was representing talent as their agent. He made some calls for me. One of those calls was to his friend, Don Ohlmeyer, then the head of NBC sports. Ohlmeyer is a man I can't even say hello to without getting into an argument with. However, he's one of the smartest men in television. Ohlmeyer was getting NBC ready for the 1980 Olympics at that time. He hired me to do the boxing end of the Olympic Games. Then, the Olympics fell through, at least for the United States, and Ohlmeyer asked me to stay and call a professional fight with Marv Albert. The fight we did was between James Scott and Bunny Johnson behind the walls of Rahway Prison. We went back there several times.

RING: Were you hired as NBC's boxing consultant right from the start?

PACHECO: No. That didn't happen until after the John Tate-Gerrie Coetzee fight (October, 1979). I received a call from Dick Auerbach, who was the Vice-President in charge of program planning. Auerbach said that Ohlmeyer wanted me to become the boxing consultant for NBC. I went up to NBC to talk it over with Ohlmeyer, Auerbach, Geoff Mason (another NBC Vice-President) and Arthur Watson, the President of NBC sports. We discussed what a boxing consultant was. I didn't understand it then and I don't understand it now!

RING: Some people say it may be a conflict of interest to be the boxing consultant for NBC and also to be calling the fights for them. Your thoughts on that?

PACHECO: My life is made up of several compartments. I'm an artist. When I'm living that life, I don't think of boxing. I'm a writer. When I'm writing, I think of nothing but writing. I'm working on a Broadway play right now. Those are some of the compartments I live in. I also work for NBC. I see nothing wrong with approving matches and then calling them. I try to put together, to accept the best fights possible. If it's good for the public, it's good for NBC. When I'm calling the fight, I literally don't feel as if I'm working for NBC. I feel as if I'm talking to the guy at home. If I think it's a lousy fight, I'll say it's a lousy fight.

RING: Are you ever afraid for your job when you call a lousy fight a lousy fight?

PACHECO: Never! That held true with Ohlmeyer and it holds true with Mike Weisman, Ohlmeyer's sucessor. Weisman, like

"One of the PhD liars in the world is Bob Arum."

Ohlmeyer, is also a creative genius. He really belongs in entertainment, but I hope he stays in sports for a while. With Ohlmeyer and with Weisman, I'm free to call a good fight a good fight and a lousy fight a lousy fight. If it was any other way, I wouldn't want to work there. You see, Ohlmeyer and Weisman have what's lacking with executives at other networks —guts. Everybody is hanging by their fingernails onto their job. They figure one wrong move will propel them out the front door. Ohlmeyer, maybe because he had the confidence of a secure and wonderful contract, was the ballsiest guy I ever met in my life. He said, "Ferdie, you're the head of boxing here. Just take your shots. If you're bad, you'll hear from me. If you're good, you'll never hear from me." I never heard from Ohlmeyer.

RING: How good, in your mind, is Marv Albert?

PACHECO: I think Marv is the best blow-by-blow guy in the country. The reason is his extreme professionalism and sensitivity. He can work with any expert. He knows his job, he lets the experts do his, then he blends the two jobs together so perfectly that you can't see the seams. Marv is the most productive man I know. He usually comes to the city of the fight the night before or even that very day. Instead of hanging around with the guys, he stays in his room doing his homework, going over the nuts and bolts of the fight. The day of the fight he doesn't want to talk about anything but the fight. His professionalism is so good it rubs off on you.

RING: Marv Albert keeps you in line, doesn't he?

PACHECO: He sure does. I'll give you an example. Last November, a week before the Larry Holmes-Marvis Frazier fight, Marv and I were wrapping up a show, talking about the upcoming heavyweight title fight. If there was ever a time when my job as a boxing consultant and a boxing analyst began to impinge that was it. I went more than a bit overboard in my hype of the fight. I said, "All the experts are picking Frazier to win." Marv jumped in with, "Wait a minute! You said, 'All the experts. Not all the experts are picking Frazier.' " I had to correct myself. I named a few, some big names. But Marv jumped on me when he should have

RING: It has been said you've been overly friendly to Dan Duva of Main Events and Phil Alessi, of Alessi Promotions, putting on an unusual amount of their fights. Are the charges fair?

PACHECO: No, they're not. We went almost a year without putting on a Duva fight. We've dealt with Bob Arum, Don King, Russell Peltz and Mickey Duff. Recently, Duff said to me, "They should build a monument to you, Ferdie, because you opened the network to anybody who has a good fight." Butch Lewis has also had fights on NBC and so has Murad Muhammad. I single-handedly made Murad's career, giving him a chance to showcase his fights. Duva, along with Arum, were instrumental in the growth of boxing at NBC. Together, they brought "Tomorrow's Champions" to NBC. We were obligated by terms of a contract Don Ohlmeyer structured, to put on so many Duva fights. Eventually, Duva sued Arum to get out of the contract and won. I'd really like to put on a west coast fight using a west coast promoter, but there's a problem because of the time difference. I think that the problem can be worked out, however. Rodolfo Sabbatini in Italy we've gone to. Jarvis Astaire in England. NBC will go anywhere to put on a good fight. Phil Alessi hasn't been on that much. When he does promote, it's usually in conjunction with Mickey Duff or Dan Duva or somebody else. Very seldom has he had a promotion all his own. When you say critics, you're talking about people who do no thinking and as usual do no legwork to validate what they're saying. Being a network consultant carries a lot of ramifications that weren't obvious to me at the beginning. As I worked into the job I saw that nobody cares anything about boxing. I decided that if boxing was going to sur-

vive at NBC, I would really have to start doing a lot of work, making sure that the matches not only are good ones, but if indeed the match has even been signed. One of the PhD liars in the world is Bob Arum. He will sell you a fight, he will do just what he criticizes the little guys for doing, he will sell you a fight he doesn't have. Then he'll try to go out and get it. If he doesn't get it, he'll just as glibly substitute somebody, and act as if that's just the normal course of events. I've been through the "Ali Circus" with Arum. I have always backed up Arum. I've been to his marriages, Bar Mitzvahs and whatnot. But in business, Bob Arum has no friends. That's a difference in philosophy of life that I have. If you're a friend of mine, you're doubly a friend of mine in business. I'll be honest with you and I want you to be honest with me. That rule doesn't hold with Bob. He believes in victory at all costs, even if he has to run over his mother to do it. Anyway, Arum called me and says he has got Mustafa Hamsho fighting Marvin Hagler. Hamsho was one of my "discoveries." When I first got into this end of the business, I went out with several guys, one of whom was Paddy Flood, the manager of Hamsho. He said, "You gotta see my kid!" I said, "I've seen him. He's a street-fighter who wins. And every time he steps in the ring he gives everything he's got." Well, we went with Hamsho. I enjoy putting on young talent, I enjoy putting them on during their climb to the top, when we can't afford them any more.

RING: You constantly refer to such-and-such a fight as being a "crossroad fight." What is a crossroad fight?

PACHECO: That's a term I use when I've got a fight where both fighters have a lot at stake. The winning fighter will take a big stride upward in victory and the loser will go back a few spaces, perhaps even out of the picture entirely. One of our first crossroad fights took place between middleweight contenders David Love and Curtis Parker (March 9, 1980). NBC bought the fight for an unbelievably low price of $30,000, which, even back then was a helluva buy. I bought it from Russell Peltz, who will kill you crying, but he'll give you the greatest fight you ever had. I love Russell Peltz.

RING: Don King and Bob Arum. What are your feelings about them?

PACHECO: I believe both of them are great promoters. They make things happen and put together very interesting matches. I don't believe they should be the only boxing promoters around. Free enterprise and competition make you greater. If everything was indeed fair and equal, I think they'd still be on top, because they're driven men, willing to work 24 hours a day.

RING: Do you feel bad about the rash of quick knockouts you've had on NBC in the last eight months?

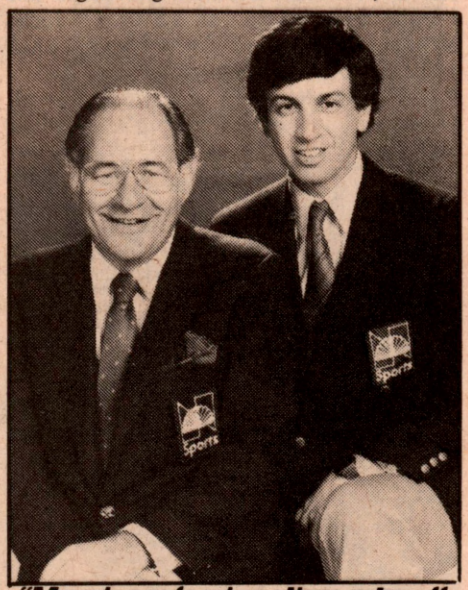
PACHECO: Not at all. The Holmes-Frazier fight was a gamble. We lost. But who thought it was going to end so fast? Tony Sibson against John Collins was another quick one. Collins was unbeaten in something like 30 fights. Sibson was nothing more than a tough guy from Britain. Sibson mauled him, stopping him in the second. The fight was actually over in the first round. Rocky Lockridge's stoppage of Roger Mayweather was thrilling. Only "Boom Boom" Mancini taking out Johnny Torres in one under the Holmes-Frazier fight was inexcusable. That fight should have never been on television. The same with Larry Holmes and Scott Frank. Never!

RING: Did you learn anything from putting on Mancini-Torres and Holmes-Frank?

PACHECO: I learned what Ohlmeyer once taught me. He said, "Never go against your better judgement, no matter what the consequences from the network. If it's your integrity on the line, don't flinch."

RING: Is there any part of the job you dislike?

PACHECO: There is, and that part is arguing and negotiating contracts. However, an attorney, Bert Zelden, has recently been appointed to handle that chore. It's a job I consider the most painful burden of all. It upsets me a great deal.



"Marv's professionalism rubs off on you."

RING: Can a man be a promoter and a manager. Are the terms interchangeable as far as you are concerned?

PACHECO: I don't think a promoter / manager relationship works. You're either a promoter or a manager. The promoter's interest should be "What's the best fight for my public and the least money I can pay for it?" The manager's viewpoint should be "What's the best fight I can take for my fighter and what's the most money I can get for him?" When you come from those two divergent viewpoints, there's no way to melt them without somebody paying the price. That somebody is the boxer.

RING: Do you, in your role as consultant, ever have to play matchmaker?

PACHECO: In a certain sense, yes, although it's not strictly matchmaking. In my case, it is approving fights. In that context of approving fights, I've got to look at fights with a critical eye. I'll say to Mickey Duff, who has come to me offering John Mugabi, "Who are you putting him in with?" He tells me it's some garbage man from Trenton. I check the guy out. "No," I tell him. "He lost a fight two weeks ago." He throws names at me until I say "Yes." It's my responsibility to put on the best fight possible for NBC. We have dates to announce and commercials to sell. We have to know that if a promoter says "X is going to fight Y on such a date," the fight will happen on that date. If you're going to have us buy some event from you, you had better damn well produce it so we can sell it. Boxing being the way it is, people get cut, people break their hands, all kinds of things happen. Within the limits of physical damage, a promoter had better make sure he can produce what he says he's gonna sell us. I think the role of the network is highly overrated. All a network is there for is to provide the event to the fans at home. The network has only to bring its cameras and its people. But because I feel so strongly about boxing safety, I interject my feelings on many occasions. For example, I insist all promoters have ambulances at the fight. That's part of an NBC contract. ABC and CBS won't put that in, but we do. Also, Ohlmeyer said to me, "You're a doctor, as well as an announcer. If your see something's wrong or if a fight shoud be stopped, then say so." That's why my call of the Bobby Chacon-Cornelius Boza-Edwards fight drew so much criticism.

RING: In the days and weeks following that fight, you were attacked in the press. Many writers felt you had panicked. Some writers took to calling you "The Fright Doctor."

PACHECO: (Pacheco's face contorts at the term) Naw. You have to take criticism with the praise. I do it as a painter and I do it as a writer. I did it as a doctor. I do it as a human being. This is no different. On television, you're in a much more vulnerable position. Your ass is hanging on a line when you're on television. How could I do the Chacon-Edwards fight as a doctor with 25 years of experience in boxing—in the dressing room before and after the fight, in the corners and after they retire—how could I not voice an opinion on what was going on in that ring? Both fighters took a pounding that day. Yet, Chacon had a history of four major beatings prior to the fight. He was just the recipe for a ring death. Boxing was coming off the death of Duk-Koo Kin only six months earlier. The sport cannot stand too many more ring deaths, espeically on network television, before it's going to be abolished, totally. I have a great concern for that. I don't believe there should be any such thing as a punch-drunk fighter. A fighter should retire and stay retired. They should be made to retire whey they're "shot." I know there should never be any such thing as a blind fighter. A fighter with a detached retina should never be allowed to fight again. And outside of a pure accident, there should never be another ring death because of something like a mismatch or because a man was thrown into a fight too soon after being knocked out or after taking a beating or a series of beatings or because of the inadequacy of a referee OR because of the

bloodlust of a crowd OR because of the critics who scream "Fright Doctor." Screw them! They've never seen a dead boxer. They've never had to take care of guys who are punch-drunk. They've never had to deal with blind ex-fighters.

RING: How about Bobby Chacon's fight against Ray Mancini. Do you think that should have been stopped?

PACHECO: If you came from another planet and walked into that arena and saw that fight, it shouldn't have been stopped. If you really know boxing and Bobby Chacon and the history of ring deaths, that fight should have been stopped right there. It was not coincidental that it was the same referee who let the Chacon-Edwards fight go on. I know that the referee (Richard Steele) knew in his conscience that the Chacon-Edwards fight should have been stopped—and wasn't—as much as the Chacon-Mancini fight. The ring doctor was in there nearly every round, and exhorting him, "If you don't do better I'm going to stop the fight!" What does that do for the equality of the contest? It makes Bobby Chacon go out like a rocket, while, in the meantime, Boza-Edwards isn't hearing that, and merely goes out to fight his fight. He's not hearing anybody tell Chacon, "You've got one more round, you'd better do it this round!" Every round was round 12 for Chacon. The outcome of the fight is not what interests me. I don't care who wins. I care for the safety of the fighters. Yet, the critics chose to tear me apart. What else could I have done. Could I, with the authority I carry, knowing what I know about the medical end of boxing, have done any other thing? Could I have shut up in that fight? Suppose a ring death or a major ring injury did occur in the fight. Had I said nothing, would I have been supremely irresponsible and even more highly criticized?

RING: The WBC refused to recognize the Chacon-Edwards fight as being for the title. What are your feelings on the WBC and the WBA?

PACHECO: Because of the dramatic nature of that fight and the controversial nature of my call, an important aspect of the Chacon-Edwards fight was overlooked. For the first time I can think of, a network said, "To hell with a sanction and a Sulaiman-King-ordered edict.," and put on a fight. We did the same thing with Holmes and Frazier. If the other two networks would also take a stand, we wouldn't have these political bodies using their influence over boxing. Boxing was here long before the WBA and the WBC. It could easily flourish and survive without them today.

RING: Would you like to see a national commission?

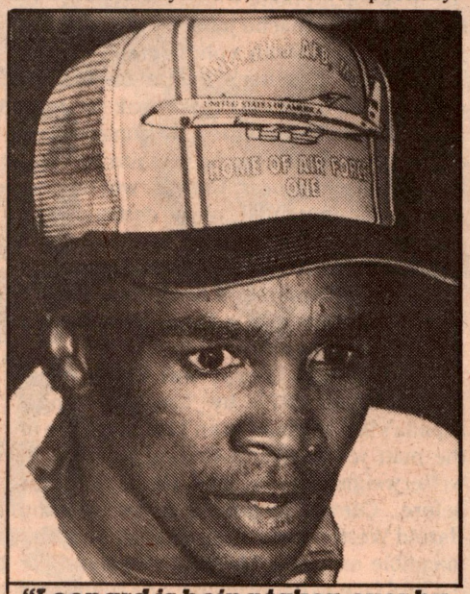
PACHECO: I think that's the only answer to the whole thing. Not a federal commission, a national commission. Every state should have their own boxing or athletic commission. All these state commissions will then blend together to form a national commission. From their ranks will come a national commissioner to be changed every two years. That way we won't have a Sulaiman, who will probably be at the top of the WBC until he either withers away or they drag him away into the Aztec ruins.

RING: Would you like to be national commissioner?

PACHECO: No. As I said, my life is broken into too many compartments. I've just got too much to do and not enough hours to do them in.

RING: Are you keeping tabs on the AMA and their non-ending battle to have boxing abolished?

PACHECO: I sure am. The trouble with boxing is that everybody has their head deep in the sand. Nobody can conceive of boxing being abolished. But it will be. The AMA has been making moves in that direction. The AMA, as the AMA always does, looks for publicity.



"Leonard is being taken over by his ego."

They got on a convenient band wagon. After all, who can argue with Santa Claus? These are doctors, and how can they approve of an unhuman sport like boxing, where two people set out to destroy each other? The AMA, therefore, took a stand. It met with a lot more approval than you think, especially in the medical community. If all the doctors were to get together and really put a push on to abolish boxing, they, along with the rest of the people out there who would like to see it abolished, just might be able to accomplish their goal. Believe me, it's not too far away from happening, especialy if another incident like the Duk-Koo Kim tragedy happens. Nobody's gonna step in and save boxing, especially not the networks. They don't give a shit. If they don't have boxing, they'll have ice hockey from Poland. They don't give a shit.

RING: What are your feelings about the thumbless gloves?

PACHECO: I think they're one of the greatest things ever to be introduced into the sport. However, they made a terrible mistake of naming it first, then going out and trying to perfect the glove. The manufacturers call it a thumbless glove. It should be called the "Immoblie Thumb" or the "Fixed Thumb", but certainly not "Thumbless." However, we're talking about the "Ice Age" when we talk about boxing people. They don't want to change anything. One fighter said to me, "I don't like the thumbless gloves because you can't hitch your pants up." I mean, that's what we're dealing with. He'd rather go blind than not be able to hitch his pants up. But the idea of the glove is a great one. Get rid of the waving, protruding thumb, the "hitchhiker," and boxing will see the end of detached retinas. Also, I think the straw or horsehair they use on gloves should be abolished. Statistics have shown that you're hitting with taped knuckles by the sixth or seventh round. Replace the straw with foam. Fighters know this. Promoters know this. The manufacturers know this, yet they continue to make gloves with a straw padding.

RING: What is your opinion on Sugar Ray Leonard's return to the ring?

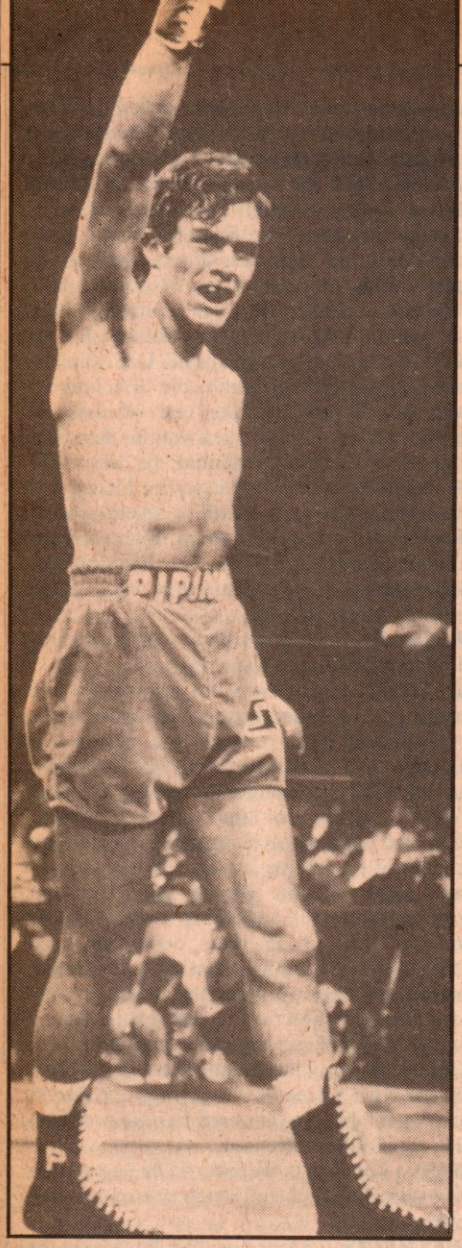
PACHECO: I think what he's doing is a great disservice to lesser boxers. His position is, "I'm doing this, not for the money, but because I'm a competitor." My position is solely with the thought of boxing in mind. We're fighting for the sport to survive. Leonard has a physical disability. He had prophylactic preventive surgery on his right eye and surgery on his left eye to repair a torn retina. We might be talking about bi-lateral blindness 10 or 15 years down the road. Nobody's telling him what's gonna happen when he's 40 or 50. I say that if a man has a disability, he shouldn't be licensed to fight. If a guy has a heart murmur, he can't get a license. If a guy has an aneurism in his brain, he can't get a license. If a guy has one arm, he can't get a license. Leonard has eye problems. He shouldn't be licensed.

RING: Leonard is claiming he *had* a problem. He says that problem which existed has been taken care of.

PACHECO: Leonard is the inmate in jail you're asking if he's guilty. You're not talking to Leonard and he's not answering honestly and from his heart. The overwhelming mass of evidence shows you've got a detached retina in one eye and you'll get it in the other. You're talking to a boxer, an athlete, a performer. They're always the last to see their own deficiencies. The most virulent thing in life is a standing ovation. Once you get one, you've been bitten. Reason and intellect go out the window. Ray, who is very bright, is being taken over by his ego. It's clouded his intellect. He is risking his eyesight for some ego stroking. But it shouldn't be Leonard's shots to call. The rules have to be the same for a four-round fighter as for a famous champion.

RING: You don't sound too thrilled with boxing.

PACHECO: On the contrary. Boxing is getting more exposure now than ever before, and it should. It's a great sport. But it can be an even greater sport if it only will start to do the things it should do, things it has to do. Even the Ice Age had an end!



CUEVAS: COME BACK OR ENCORE?

Pipino's not ready to be counted out.

By STEVEN R. NICOLAISEN

MAURICIO BRAVO PROBABLY STILL isn't sure what in the hell hit him, so here're a few clues: Who can pack the Olympic Auditorium, is easy to hit, but can still punch holes in armor plate? Move over, Hector Camacho, the real Macho Man is back.

Yes, Pipino Cuevas, he of the diamonds in his teeth and the cement in his fists, has returned. In the same ring where Roberto Duran humbled him little more than a year ago, Cuevas pounded Bravo, dropping him twice until the veritable mugging was halted at the end of the first and only session. As Bravo had been ranked sixth by the World Boxing Council and 10th by THE RING, Cuevas would seem to be at the beginning of a comeback, something that the inevitable world ranking would reinforce.

Maybe . . ., but maybe not.

There is no denying that Cuevas exudes machismo—and not the kind that Camacho flaunts and taunts every time a sportscaster shoves a microphone within 20 feet of Hector's mouth. Camacho jabbers as though he were vaccinated with a phonograph needle, but Cuevas, a writer's nightmare but an editor's dream, lets his fists speak for him. For all his skills—and they are considerable and impressive—Camacho remains primarily a bailador, a dancer; Cuevas, win or lose, retains the potential of a destruidor, a destroyer.

But is this really a comeback with a vengeance, or merely a brief, final encore before someone pulls a Duran or a Hearns and ends the dream?

Six years ago Cuevas was at his peak. After ending 1977 by breaking Angel Espada's jaw en route to an 11 round kayo of the man whose World Boxing Association welterweight title he had taken the year before, Cuevas began 1978 by stopping Harold Weston in nine, dislocating Weston's mandible en route. He then smashed Billy Backus' face so badly in only one round that Backus needed reconstructive surgery to correct double vision. That September Cuevas defended against Pete Ranzany at Sacramento's Hughes Stadium. Ranzany had stated before the bout that he felt Cuevas could be outboxed; by using this strategy the challenger won the first round easily. Ranzany came out for the second determined to slug it out; two knockdowns later, Cuevas had his hand raised in victory. Some were calling him the best welterweight in the world.

Cuevas began 1979 with an easy two-round kayo of Scott Clark, but then his image as an assassin began to tarnish. That July he faced Randy Shields, an overstuffed junior welter with quick hands and a solid chin. Considered a four-round victim at best, Shields not only lasted the full 15 rounds without being off his feet, but lost a hairline decision. Against Espada the third time around, the shell of the former champ managed to survive until the tenth. In April, 1980, an awkward South African named Harold Volbrecht gave Cuevas fits until a booming left hook kayoed the challenger in the fifth. Although talk surfaced of a bout with Sugar Ray Leonard, it remained for Thomas Hearns to destroy the myth of Cuevas' invincibility that August, the then-Hit Man pounding Pipino into ex-championship status in a mere five minutes.

Since then the highs have been brief. In 1981 quick kayoes over Bernardo Prada and Jorgen Hansen were followed by the loss to Stafford, and 1982 saw Cuevas inactive, a torn rotator cuff in his left shoulder cancelling a proposed bout with Donald Curry. The following January he faced Duran in a must-win situation for both men. Duran's career was resurrected as Cuevas sank into oblivion, announcing his retirement a few days later.

Now he has returned, at least momentarily victorious for the first time in three years. His still-awesome punching power guarantees him respectable paydays—if he keeps winning. A rematch with Stafford is a possibility, as is a punchers' duel with Colin Jones. At twenty-six, his best days are in his past and, against the likes of Curry, McCrory, Starling and certainly Leonard, he would have to be tabbed the underdog. Still, Cuevas retains the one variable that guarantees him popularity—the big punch.

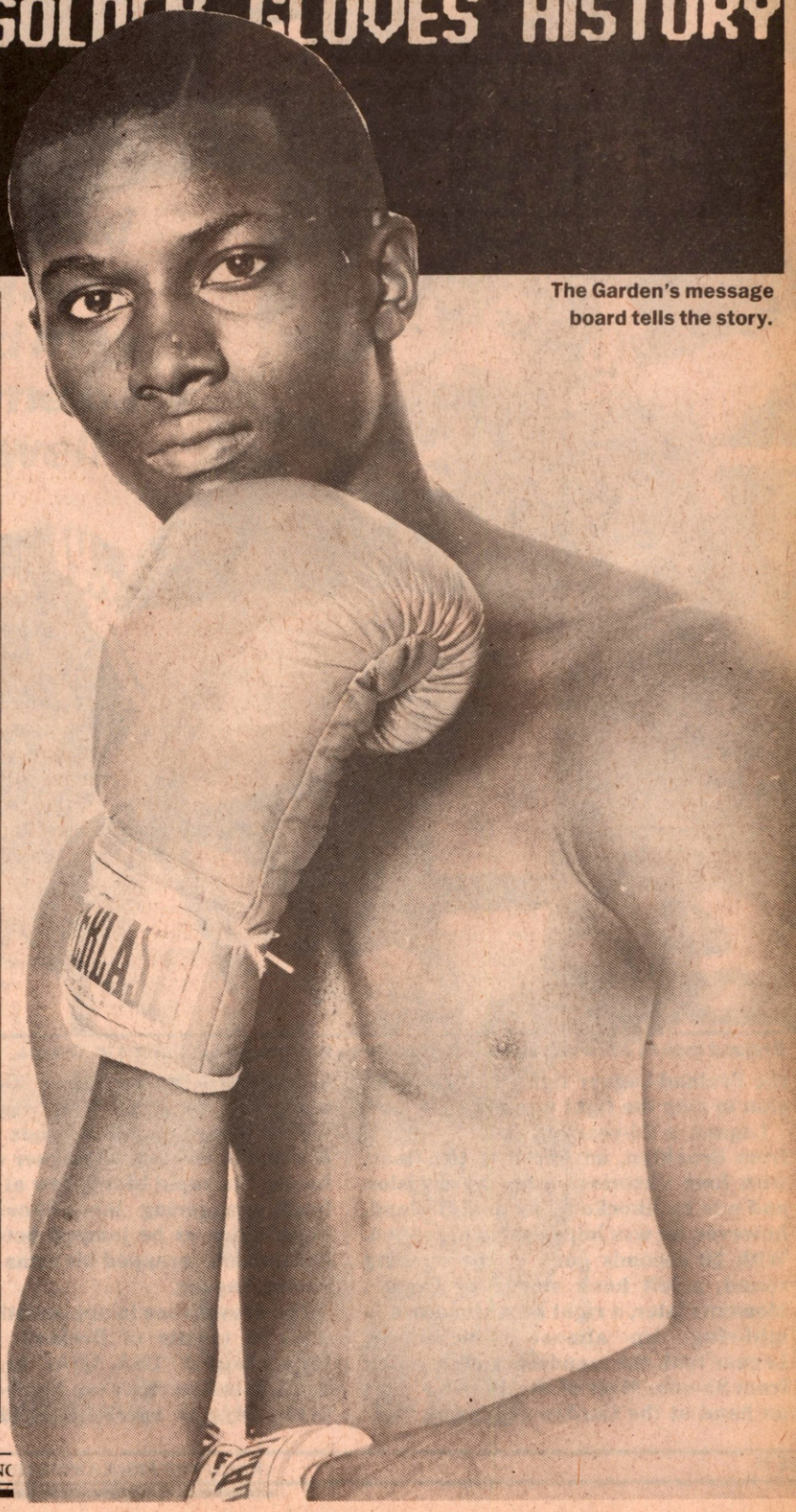
In a sport in which the advantage can change suddenly, Cuevas' equalizer is perhaps the most graphic of anybody's in the ring today. From the opening minute to the final seconds, despite his lack of defense and slowness afoot, he still possesses the power to dramatically alter the situation in his favor. It wouldn't be totally inaccurate to call Cuevas the Earnie Shavers of the welterweight division—still deadly after all these years.

It still seems more like an encore; one knockout doesn't necessarily constitute a comeback. By the time you read this, Cuevas will have probably faced Stafford again, most likely in Los Angeles. In their first bout Cuevas had Stafford badly hurt in the fourth round but couldn't put him away; Stafford proceeded to outbox a tired Cuevas the rest of the way. Whether Cuevas can land his equalizer with maximum effect on Stafford remains to be seen.

While a victory over Stafford might elevate Cuevas into true comeback status, it would also inch him closer to more formidable opposition. If he proceeds that far, the odds are against continued success, but while he remains active, it is one specific element of his machismo—the philosophy of "you-get-me-or-I'll-get-you"—that endears Cuevas to his following. One shouldn't expect Cuevas to be greatly successful in his return to the ring; on the other hand, if he keeps landing bombs like he did to Mauricio Bravo (who, if he reads this, still probably doesn't know what in the hell hit him), anything can happen. Don't count him out yet. ■

MARK BRELAND

HAS JUST MADE GOLDEN GLOVES HISTORY

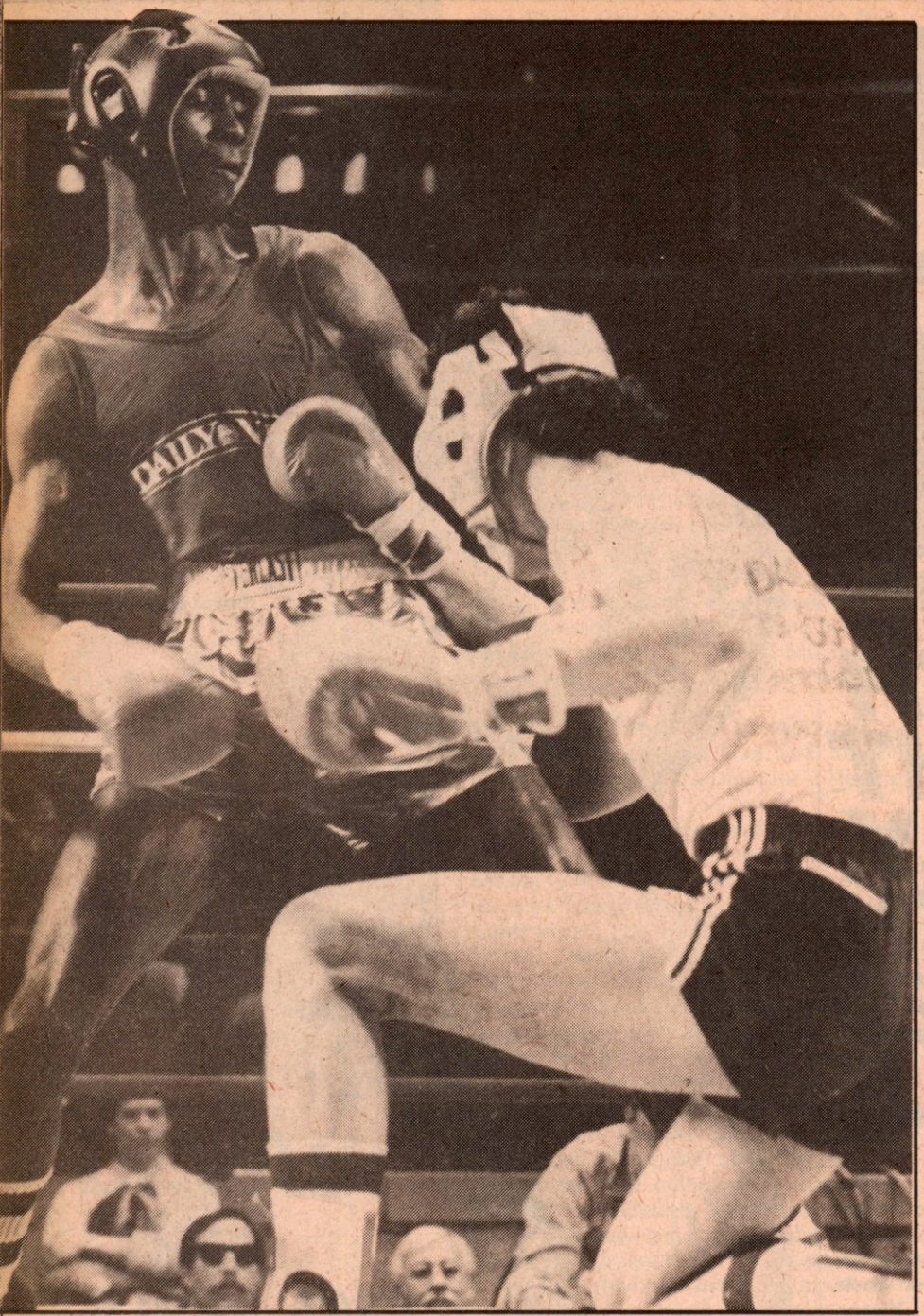


The Garden's message board tells the story.

BRELAND WINS 5TH STRAIGHT N.Y. GOLDEN GLOVES TITLE

TALL, THIN, EXPLOSIVE MARK Breland made a strong case for his being called "The Greatest Golden Glover of All Time" when he won a record fifth-straight New York Golden Gloves title, stopping Victor Laguer in 42 seconds of the first round in Madison Square Garden.

In winning the 147-pound open title for the fourth consecutive year (he won the 139-pound novice title in 1980), the hard-punching Breland surpassed the record he shared with such NYGG greats as Vince Shomo, Howard Davis Jr., Mitch Green, Alex Ramos and Davey Moore. Breland's stoppage of Laguer was his 15th first-round knockout and third of this tournament. The previous record for career first-round knockouts in the Golden Gloves has been 13, held by Shomo. Ironically, Shomo refereed



Breland makes Abraham Lesser first of three first-round KO victims in Gloves.

the Breland-Laguer fight, and his decision to stop the fight was the right one.

Laguer, a 24-year-old security guard from Brooklyn, advanced to the finals with four victories—three by decision and one by knockout. Against Breland, however, he was hopelessly outgunned. With 20 seconds gone in the opening round, a left hook staggered Laguer. Moments later, a right sent him down in mid-ring. Up almost immediately, Laguer took the mandatory eight-count from Shomo. Most of the 16,000+ fans on hand at the Garden rose from their seats, anticipating the 20-year-old Breland to set a new NYGG record.

The record came seconds later as Breland opened up on Laguer with both hands. Six rapid blows flew at Laguer's head, staggering him. Shomo didn't think twice as he jumped between the fighters and wrapped his arms around a beaten Laguer.

The crowd rose in appreciation of the massive talents of Breland. Many of them chanted "USA, USA," as the 6'3" Breland is America's top hope—perhaps in any Olympic sport—to capture a gold medal in this summer's Games in Los Angeles.

For 15 minutes Breland remained in the ring as photographers from around the world took his picture and officials of the New York Daily News Charities (sponsors of the NYGG) presented him with a special award—a specially-made, large, beautiful championship belt.

The victory upped Breland's amateur record to 99-1, including 70 knockouts. Afterwards, the vanquished Laguer said, "I knew his right was something else, but I never knew his hook was so hard. I don't know who's capable of beating him, but I do know I'll be rooting for him in the Olympics!"

In all, there were 22 championship matches, 11 in the novice class (three, two-minute rounds for boxers with experience in fewer than 10 fights) and 11 in the open class (three, three-minute rounds). The weight classes ranged from 112 pounds to super heavyweight. For the first time, the order of bouts did not begin at 112 pounds and work their way to the super heavyweight open class. The order, and result, of each of the 58th annual NYGG was as follows:

125-lb. novice—Larry Leone, Jerome BC, decisioned Angel Ojeda, Bed-Stuy BA.

125-lb. open—Wayne Anderson, NYC 23/25th Pct., decisioned Tunde Foster, Bed-Stuy BA.

112-lb. novice—Angelo Domenech, Bedford-Stuy, BA, Jose Salgado, Morris Park BC.

112-lb. open—Manuel Gago, Times Square AC, decisioned Melvin Gomez, Coney Island BC.

119-lb. novice—Patrick Sullivan, PAL, decisioned Jorge Rivas, Physical SC.

119-lb. open—Tracy Harris, Huguenot BC, decisioned Edgar Lawrence, Knights CC.

Heavyweight novice—Ira Turner, Thomas Jefferson Rec., decisioned Matthew Grace, Empire SC.

Heavyweight open—Michael Bent, Bed-Stuy BA, stopped Timothy McGee, 2:38 of the first round.

139-lb. novice—Alberto Quinones, Starrett City, BC, decisioned James Murray, Yonkers PAL.

139-lb. open—John Meekins, NYC Rec., decisioned David Colon, Suffolk County PAL.

147-lb. novice—Juan Torres, PAL, decisioned Wilmer Colon, NYC 23/25th Pct.

147-lb. open—Mark Breland, Bed-Stuy BA, stopped Victor Laguer, 18th Ave. Gym, :42 of the first round, Breland's fifth NYGG title.

132-lb. novice—Ronald McCall, Bed-Stuy BA, decisioned Raul Mercedes Rivera, Apollo BC.

132-lb. open—David Rodriguez, San Juan Boxing Club, decisioned Vincent Phillips, Jerome Boxing Club.

156-lb. novice—Damien Eddie, Crown Heights BC decisioned Joseph Henry, Bronxchester BC.

156-lb. open—Dennis Milton, PAL, decisioned Jesse Lanton, Rockland County PAL, Milton's fourth NYGG crown.

Super-heavyweight novice—William Mobley, Knights Community Center, stopped Charles Thurman, unattached, :46 of the first round.

Super-heavyweight open—Ronald Turner, NYC 23/25th Pct., halted Winston Bent, Bed-Stuy BA, 2:59 of the second round.

178-lb. novice—Michael Conratti, Long Beach Boxing Club, stopped Phillip Applebaum, B & B Boxing Club, 2:02 of the second round.

178-lb. open—Edwin Cruz, Crown Heights BC, decisioned Steve Gentile, South Queens BC.

165-lb. novice—Moses Lewis, Empire SC, decisioned Lyles Williams, Don Bosco Boxing Club.

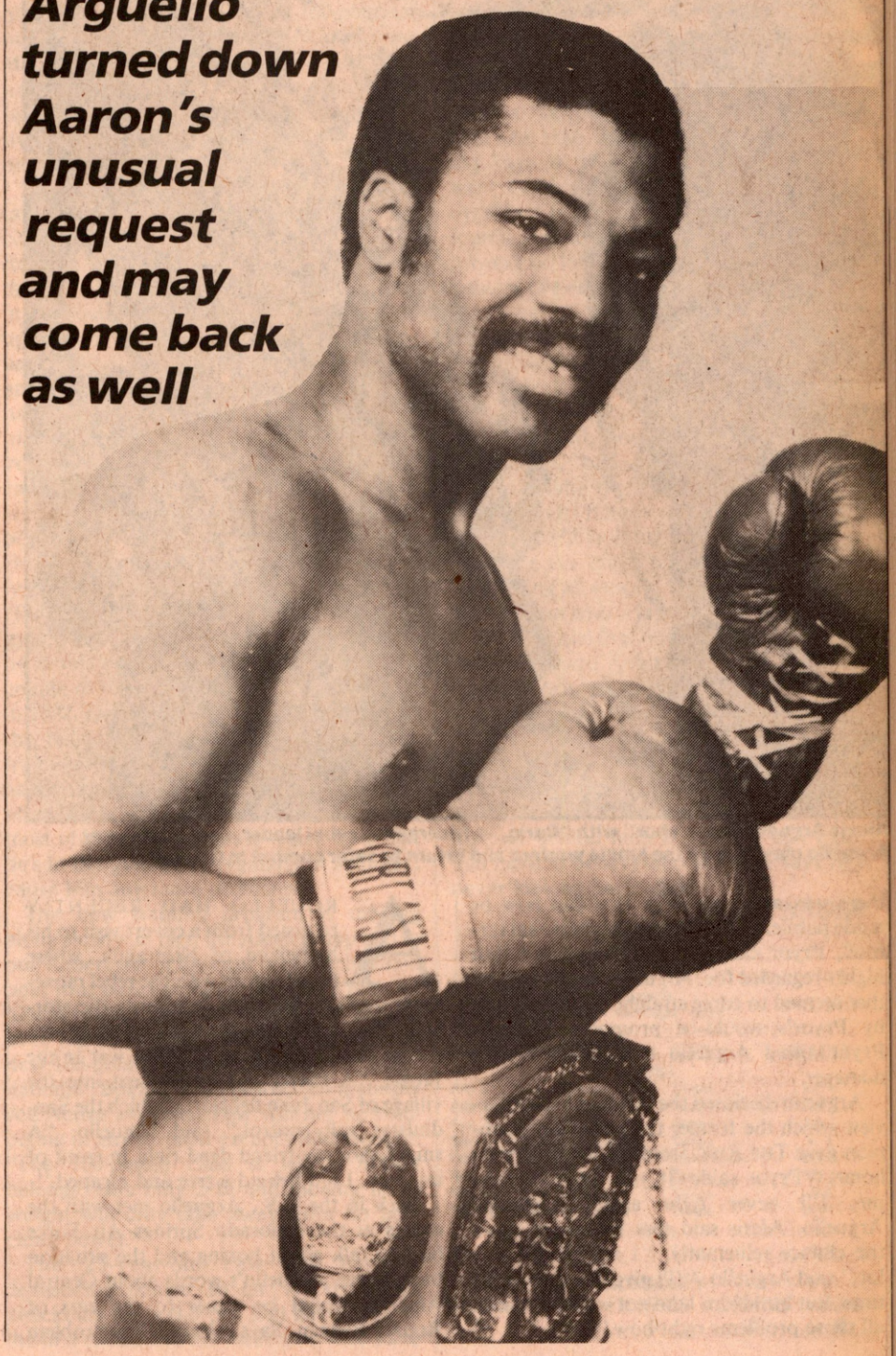
165-lb. open—Anthony Gordon, NYC Recreation, decisioned Eugene Watts, Bed-Stuy BA.

Hawk's Return No Surprise

By BEN SHARAV

PRYOR UNRETIRES

Arguello turned down Aaron's unusual request and may come back as well



THE "PICK-THE-HAWK'S-Next-Fight Contest" which THE RING ran last December will apparently have a winner shortly. To the astonishment of none concerned, Aaron Pryor has unretired. The non-suspense was not broken at a press conference which Pryor held in Cincinnati with his no-longer-estranged manager, Buddy LaRosa.

On the heels of Pryor's long-awaited non-surprise comes a non-awaited surprise from Alexis Arguello: He too may return to the ring shortly.

It is said that life follows art, but boxing fans know that Aaron Pryor follows no one and no thing. The "Cincinnati Cyclone" is not easily swayed by outside forces. Pryor sets his own schedule and sets his watch to "Hawk Time." Yet the "Hawk's" erratic flight path, and his rendezvous with Alexis Arguello, parallel the make believe.

It will be recalled that last July, Pryor attended a press conference where it was announced that he had signed an exclusive, three-year promotional contract with Tiger Eye, Ltd., the firm started up by *Rocky* star Sylvester Stallone. The Stallone deal was ostensibly to take effect following Pryor's already-scheduled World Junior Welterweight Title defense rematch against Arguello. The three-year term ended before it had even begun (In August, Pryor broke away from Tiger Eye's trainer, Rich Giachetti, and Pryor and Stallone confirmed that their deal was off) and in September, with Emanuel Steward working his corner, Pryor faced Arguello in Las Vegas.

THE PRYOR-ARGUELLO BATtles rivaled the epic struggles between Rocky Balboa and Apollo Creed in Sylvester Stallone's movies. In *Rocky II* Apollo Creed retires after getting KO'd in the rematch with Rocky. In *Rocky III* Stallone's character turns to his old nemesis, Apollo, to manage him for his climactic battle with the mean Mr. T. But by the end of that flick, Apollo is itching for one last crack at Rocky.

Alexis Arguello immediately retired upon getting starched in the rematch with Pryor. And Pryor, who was having difficulties trying to fire his manager of record, LaRosa, announced just six weeks later that he was relinguishing his title and retiring as well. But

Alexis Arguello gets "shot" with "Dario," a Nicaraguan rebel leader, earlier this year. Arguello may give up the jungle warfare and return to safer combat in the ring.

there was an ironic twist that can now be made public. In the midst of his personal turmoil, Pryor called up his vanquished, but highly-regarded foe, Arguello, with a request that seemed to come straight out of a movie by Pryor's would-be promoter, Stallone: Pryor asked Arguello to become Pryor's manager.

Arguello disclosed the incident in an interview which the former three-division champion gave THE RING from his South Florida home. "Pryor said, 'If you don't manage me, I'll never fight again,'" recalled Arguello. Alexis said that he turned down the chance reluctantly. "I respect Pryor a lot," said Arguello. "I'll give him advice any time. But I told him I did not want to take on all those problems right now."

ARGUELLO HAD RECENTLY returned from a covert visit to his homeland of Nicaragua, where he joined up with the rebel movement that's fighting the Sandinista dictatorship. The national hero had some harrowing stories to tell about the guerrilla war in the jungle. "A friend and I were sent into the village of San Juan del Norte, which the Sandinistas still control," said Arguello. "A sniper shot my friend dead right in front of my face. I hid behind a tree and escaped."

Back in the U.S., Arguello met with the cadets at the Colorado Springs Air Force base to talk about boxing and the situation back home. Arguello's words about Central America would be music to the ears of Ronald Reagan. Says Alexis: "The problem there is they don't have good politicians or leaders. They're crooks. They just want to blame everything on the United States."

Arguello is torn between devoting his efforts to Nicaraguan politics or to business in the U.S. His Florida-based company, Alexicorp. is trying to get involved with young fighters.

At one point Arguello stated categorically that he will never box again. "I was offered $1.5 million to fight (WBC junior welterweight champion) Billy Costello," said Alexis. "I turned it down. If it was $5 million I wouldn't take it."

No one is offering anything near $5 million for Arguello's ring services, but Alexis is on the verge of coming back. He called his agent, Bill Miller to ask him to arrange a fight. Says Miller: "I told him to go back to running in the morning and working out in the gym, to see if he really wants to fight. The decision will be Arguello's."

"Arguello cares a lot about that fourth world title which he missed," says one man who has dealt with him extensively. "He looks at Billy Costello and Johnny Bumphus and is sure he could beat both those guys on the same night."

AARON PRYOR MAY IN FACT BE able to beat both Bumphus and Garcia on the same night. The Hawk didn't make that claim, but at the press conference where he announced his comeback, Pryor stated "I just lent Bumphus my title. Now I'll take it back."

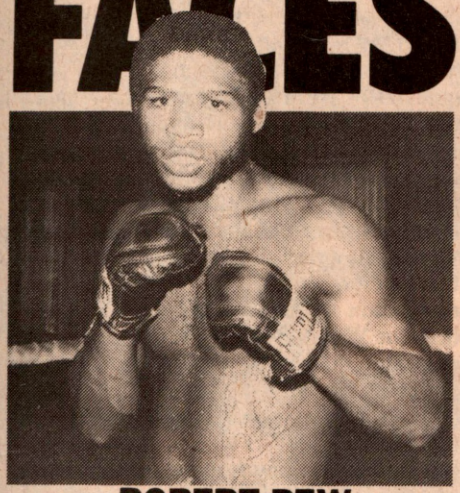
Pryor will not even have to fight Bumphus, though, to campaign as a "champion." The International Boxing Federation, sensing a golden opportunity to hitch on to the bandwagon of the man who may be the world's greatest fighter, pound-for-pound, awarded Pryor their junior welterweight belt, gratis.

Pryor's first comeback fight will likely be an IBF title defense against a borderline contender. But that fight is merely a tune-up for Pryor's main objective: a lightweight title showdown against Boom Boom Mancini this fall.

"Mancini thinks I'll be fatigued, fighting at 135 pounds," says Pryor, who hasn't fought as a lightweight in over four years. "I'm willing to take that chance to prove I can beat him.

Getting into championship fighting shape at 135 pounds will require the most serious training of Pryor's life. Were this story being made into a movie, Alexis Arguello would drop his own pointless plans for a comeback and train Pryor for the biggest fight of his life. ■

NEW FACES



ROBERT PEW

THE STORY MAY BE AN OLD ONE, BUT IT still rings true. A more-than-difficult childhood. A 17-year-old "kid" makes a mistake and is treated (read: "punished") as an adult. There is a seven-year prison stretch. During his incarceration for armed robbery, the kid keeps to himself and takes up boxing to pass the time. A 35-5 amateur record catches the eye of a top promotional group. But, is there really a pot of gold at the end of the fistic rainbow? For the thousands of similar stories over the decades, so few ever grab the brass ring that the sport has to offer. Even with today's multitude of titles, there are relatively few champions and even fewer with the mass box office appeal to command the REALLY big bucks of boxing.

Because boxing is big business today, there are many fighters brought up the ranks on a steady diet of tomato cans (who are often the faded hopefuls of yesteryear) and who, consequently, begin their careers with impressive records and a lot of knockouts. Few of these "comers" receive any real recognition until they reach the 15- or 16-and-oh point because so many of them quickly go the way of the dinosaur. But, today's cable saturation allows these six- and eight-round fighters to showcase their talents while they are still in the prelim stage of their careers. Even so, only those with the flash, power and charisma to make an impression on the boxing public early on will ultimately be labeled "prospects." Ex-con Robert Pew is one such pistol-hot prospect.

After only eight pro bouts, several of which have been aired on USA Cable's Alessi shows, the Tampa-based middleweight has already struck a chord in the boxing community with his devastating punching and hand speed—and particularly his discipline in the often-lost art of body punching. In fact, Ring Editor Randy Gordon, who has been at the mike for many of Pew's USA appearances, was so taken with him that he dubbed the Alessi 160-pounder one of the "Prospects of the Year" in our March issue collection of 1983's best. Pew has done little since that time to change that opinion. In fact, he has been relatively inactive since then because of a weighty problem.

USA Co-host Al Albert forever immortalized Robert after one recent victory by citing the phrase "Few Survive Pew," but Robert's preferred nickname is the "Mandrill," a moniker he picked up while boxing in his South Carolina prison. For those not up on their mammalia, a mandrill is a nasty baboon-like ape that will attack just about anything. Pew has shown the ferocity of his namesake when it's counted—on fight night—but has been somewhat less voracious in his training habits, which have caused him to come into the ring five to seven pounds over the 160 pounds he is supposed to weigh in several of his bouts. However, trainer Jimmy Williams isn't overly concerned about his fighter's waistline: "Robert trains very hard when he's in the gym, he just hasn't been in as regularly as he should because he's changed addresses a couple of times since getting out of jail late in 1982. He's just now getting used to life on the outside. His biggest problem isn't his training habits or his eating habits so much as his drinking habits. While training, he'll often drink a gallon of Gatorade a day and most of his extra weight is water. Now that he's in the gym more regularly, it shouldn't cause him any more problems."

The new training program is moving along slowly. In fact, the Alessi group had to pull Robert out of his most recent scheduled bout (this past February 19) rather than let him step into the ring nearly ten pounds over his contracted 160. And, despite the new 168-pound division set up by the International Boxing Federation, co-manager Joe Nunez says that Pew will not be competing in any division except middleweight: "The 160-pound class is where Robert belongs. He's only 5-10 and moving up in weight will only take away from his punching power."

The 25-year-old Pew has been a devastating banger so far. All six of his knockouts (on a 9-0 pro log) have been in the first round and the three men who have gone the distance with him have all taken beatings. While there is obviously little wrong with his offense, he has shown a tendency to take some clean shots when he opens up with his two-fisted blitzes. Nunez says that Robert's leaky defense is not a cause for alarm because "so far nobody's even hit him with a shot that's hurt him. The kid's concentration in the ring is so intense, he often doesn't even know he's been hit. But, before we move him up in class (of opponents), we're gonna work more and more on having him avoid and roll with punches."

As long as he keeps punching with authority, Robert Pew will soon be a force to be reckoned with in the middleweight division. According to Nunez, Pew gave as much as he took in a sparring session with Don Lee, who was preparing for his shocking kayo of top-rated Tony Sibson: "Lee went down in the second round from an overhand right and while we know that a sparring session is different than a real fight, it won't be long before this kid is ready for fighters of Lee's caliber."

Another top-flight middleweight who could be in Pew's future is veteran Leroy Hester, who's coming off his biggest-ever win over Wilford Scypion and who also fights on the Tampa cards a lot. "We think Robert is ready now for a guy like Hester," says Nunez, "but we're bringing him along slowly. Maybe three fights or so down the road, when Robert is a regular main-eventer, we'll look for a Hester fight."

Despite the tough stereotype that comes from being an ex-con, Robert Pew is a soft-spoken man who is just beginning to believe in the potential that Nunez, Williams and co-manager Norm Kohn have seen since his amateur prison fights. If he can keep his weight under control and concentrate on a regular training program, he may yet turn out to be one of the chosen few rags-to-riches boxing stories. He says that boxing is all that matters to him now and that he's put his past behind him. If you see him fight, you have to believe him when he says he's never looking back again.

GARY NAGER

ROBERT PEW

Tampa, FL Middleweight
Height: 5'10" Weight: 160 pounds
Managed by Norm Kohn and Roger Nunez
Amateur Record: 35-5

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
		1983	
July 3	Larry Thomas	Tampa	KO 1
July 8	Duane Reed	Tampa	KO 1
Aug. 5	Sonny Jones	Tampa	KO 1
Sept. 16	Ricky Stackhouse	Tampa	W 4
Oct. 21	Sandy Williams	Monroe, LA	KO 1
Nov. 4	Tony Davis	Tampa	KO 1
Nov. 18	Tommy Rogers	Tampa	W 6
Dec. 16	David Plouden	Tampa	KO 1
		1984	
Feb.	Carlos Mims	Tampa	W 6

SUMMARY

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
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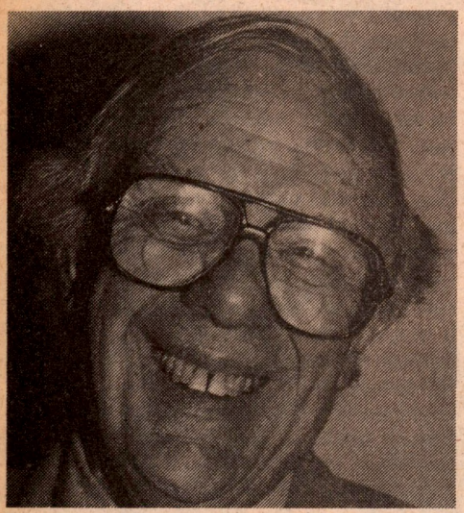


IRVING RUDD

(Publicity)

JESS WILLARD WAS HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPion when Irving Rudd was born in 1918, in Brownsville, Brooklyn, New York. His neighborhood was the spawning ground for some top-level fighters, including "Schoolboy" Bernie Friedkin, Al "Bummy" Davis, Dave Rosenberg and Joey Silvers. A few sparring sessions with Friedkin in Beecher's Gym in Brownsville convinced Rudd he could do anything in boxing—anything except fight!...Befriended Detroit businessman Al Douglas, who owned 10% of Joe Louis' contract between 1934-1936 and began writing press releases for Douglas when the Detroiter became a promoter for the Rockland Palace (Rockland, N.Y.) in 1937...After spending two years with Douglas, Rudd took a job with Johnny Attell, the matchmaker at Ridgewood Groves Arena in Queens, N.Y....Rejected from the U.S. Army during World War II because of a heart murmur, Rudd began working for THE RING in the mid-1940's...Rudd left THE RING in 1947 to work for Attell in Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway Arena...Four years later, Rudd left boxing to join the promotional staff of baseball's Brooklyn Dodgers...Within a year, he was top man on the promotional staff...Joined the publicity staff of Yonkers Raceway in 1957 when the Dodgers deserted Brooklyn for Los Angeles...One year later, Rudd was director of publicity for Yonkers...Remained at Yonkers until 1969, when he took a job as the first Public Relations Director for the newly-formed OTB (Off-Track Betting)...When he received a call from Madison Square Garden's John F. X. Condon in 1976 to assist with publicity on the Muhammad Ali-Ken Norton title bout, Rudd jumped at the opportunity...He had been away from boxing since 1951 and missed it greatly...Following Ali-Norton, Rudd worked on publicity for the Ali-Earnie Shavers fight in 1977...Soon after, Rudd received a call from promoter Don King, requesting his services...Rudd went to work for King, but remained with him only nine months...Began working in October, 1977, for Bob Arum, whom he had met at Shavers' training camp...Arum and Rudd have been together almost seven years..."Unswerving Irving" is the man who named Gerrie Coetzee's surgically-repaired right hand "The Bionic Right"...That's just one of the dozens of ingenious publicity gimmicks and phrases Rudd has coined over the years...He is also a master at handling the always-demanding press corps at major fights...Few publicity men, if any, are better at working with the press...Calls Muhammad Ali the greatest press agent who ever lived...Calls Sugar Ray Robinson the "greatest fighter I ever saw"...Worked for several weeks in the training camp of Roberto Duran when "Manos de Piedra" was training for Marvelous Marvin Hagler. Rudd says Duran was "kind, warm and funny throughout his training camp. I wish all camps were like that. If they were, I'd do this job until I'm 200!"...

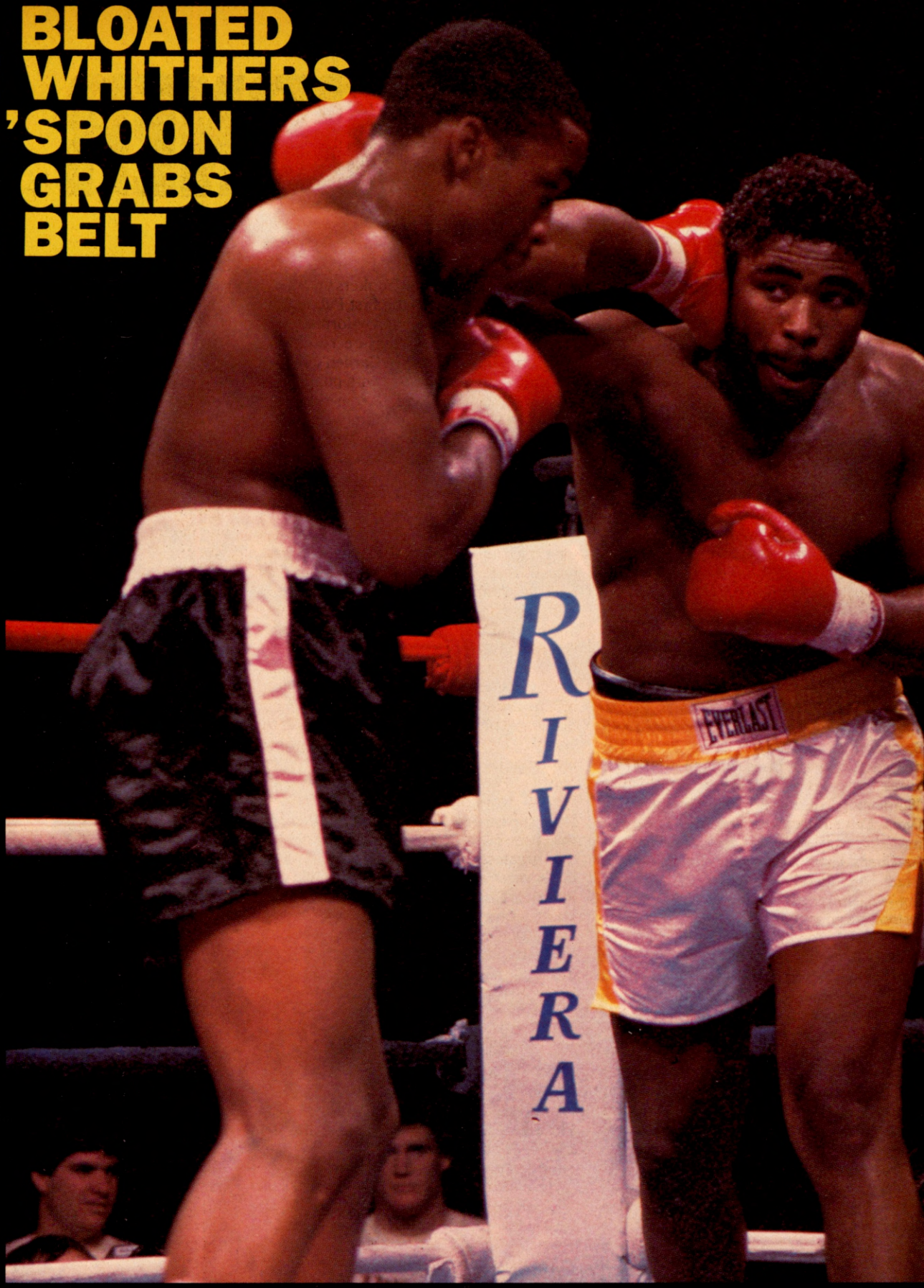
MARK BEIRO

(Ring Announcer)

AT A RECENT FIGHT CARD IN TAMPA, Florida, a fan was overheard saying to a friend, "I'm telling you, nobody is better. He's smooth. He's got charisma. He's got style. He's number one as far as I'm concerned." The friend kept his eyes on the ring and said, "You're not gonna get an argument from me. I think he's tops, too!"

The fans weren't talking about either of the fighters. They were talking about the ring announcer, Mark Beiro. Those fans who have cable television and the USA Network have seen Beiro on USA's "Friday Night Boxing." Those who haven't can just close their eyes and think of all the smooth and entertaining announcers they've heard in the past. Beiro contains many of the good qualities of all of them, for he has studied them and the art of ring announcing since childhood...At 33, he has been ring announcing for nearly two decades, as he worked his first ring announcing job at an amateur show when he was 14...He began working as a ring announcer at professional fights before he was 20...Beiro's full-time occupation is that of a public relations officer for World Ja-Alai...In addition to his publicity duties, he announces Jai-Alai matches at World Jai-Alai's Fronton's (arenas) in Tampa and Ocala...Of all boxing's ring announcers who ever are or were, Beiro claims Johnny Addie and Harry Belue as the two announcers he emulates most..."Jimmy Lennon is my modern idol," he says...Beiro constantly studies tapes of himself, hoping to improve on any weak areas he may see..."I take it very seriously," he says. "If there was any way it could be a full-time job, believe me, I'd take it...The most recent nationally-televised network fight in which Beiro was seen handling the chores as ring announcer was the John Mugabi-James Green brawl last February..."I'm envious of those announcers in Atlantic City," said Beiro. "They've got work every day of the year."...He may not be boxing's most active ring announcer, but Mark Beiro certainly is one of the best.

BLOATED PAGE WHITHERS AS 'SPOON GRABS WBC BELT



When Greg Page finally got the chance to fight for the crown that Larry Holmes threw away, the Kentuckian proved himself a "glutton for punishment."

Above: Witherspoon looks for a soft spot on his 239½-pound target in a rare instance that finds Page off the ropes. Right: Back in familiar territory, Page cowers as 'Spoon mounts an assault.

"I threw more punches," Page bawled later. But thrown from a laid-back stance, Greg's right hand counterpunches lacked snap crackle and pop.

The RING

International Ratings

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(weight unlimited)
WORLD CHAMPION

LARRY HOLMES ..... Easton, Pa.
1. Gerrie Coetzee* ..... South Africa
2. Tim Witherspoon** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3. Michael Dokes ..... Akron, Ohio
4. Pinklon Thomas ..... Wyncotte, Pa.
5. Greg Page ..... Louisville, Ky.
6. Mike Weaver ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7. Trevor Berbick ..... Halifax, Canada
8. David Bey ..... Pittsburgh, Pa.
9. John Tate ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
10. Frank Bruno ..... England

11. (Tie) Alfredo Evangelista, James Broad 13. Tony Tubbs 14. (Tie) Renaldo Snipes, Randall (Tex Cobb) 16. Marvis Frazier 17. Jeff Sims

CRUISERWEIGHTS
(not over 195 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS DE LEON** ..... Puerto Rico
1. Osvaldo Ocasio* ..... Puerto Rico
2. John Odhiambo ..... Uganda
3. Anthony Davis ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
4. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
5. S.T. Gordon ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. Alfonso Ratliff ..... Chicago, Ill.
7. Henry Hearns ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8. Randy Stephens ..... Dallas, Texas
9. Marvin Camel ..... Missoula, Mont.
10. Leroy Murphy ..... Chicago, Ill.

11. Leon Spinks 12. Young Joe Louis 13. Bashiru Ali 14. Elijah Tillery 15. David Pearce

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS* ** ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1. Dwight Braxton ..... Camden, N.J.
2. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
3. Eddie Davis ..... Freeport, N.Y.
4. Willie Edwards ..... Detroit, Mich.
5. John Davis ..... Freeport, N.Y.
6. Marvin Johnson ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
7. Oscar Rivadeneyra ..... Vineland, N.J.
8. Richard Caramanolis ..... France
9. Pete McIntyre ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10. Rudi Koopmans ..... Holland

11.Richie Kates 12. Charles Singleton 13. Fulgencio Obelmejias 14. Jose Flores 15. Mike Rossman 16. David Sears 17. Mike Lee 18. Reggie Gross 19. Manfred Jassmann

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

M. MARVIN HAGLER* ** ..... Brockton, Mass.
1. Mustafa Hamsho ..... Syria
2. James Shuler ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3. James Kinchen ..... San Diego, Calif.
4. Dwight Davison ..... Detroit, Mich.
5. Juan D. Roldan ..... Argentina
6. Curtis Parker ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7. Don Lee ..... Gary, Ind.
8. Tony Sibson ..... England
9. Frank Fletcher ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
10. Murray Sutherland ..... Bay City, Mich.

11. Alex Ramos 12. Bobby Czyz 13. Mark Holmes 14. Mark Kaylor 15. (Tie) Wilford Scypion, Leroy Hester 17. Bernard Mays 18. (Tie) John Collins, Nestor Flores

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

THOMAS HEARNS** ..... Detroit, Mich.
1. Roberto Duran* ..... Panama
2. Mike McCallum ..... New York, N.Y.
3. John Mugabi ..... Uganda
4. Wilfred Benitez ..... Puerto Rico
5. Fred Hutchings ..... Stockton, Calif.
6. Mark Medal ..... Jersey City, N.J.
7. Earl Hargrove ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
8. David Braxton ..... Detroit, Mich.
9. James Green ..... Irvington, N.J.
10. Davey Moore ..... Bronx, N.Y.

11. (Tie) Herol Graham, Julian Jackson 13. Francisco DeJesus 14. (Tie) Carlos Santos, Mario Maldonado, Sean Mannion 17. Luigi Michillo 18. Duane Thomas

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. Milton McCrory** ..... Detroit, Mich.
2. Donald Curry* ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
3. Marlon Starling ..... Hartford, Conn.
4. Colin Jones ..... Wales
5. Elio Diaz ..... Venezuela
6. Nino LaRocca ..... Italy
7. Tommy Ayers ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
8. Roger Stafford ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
9. Simon Brown ..... Washington, D.C.
10. Pipino Cuevas ..... Mexico City, Mexico

11. Lupe Aquino 12. Milton Guest, 13. Maurice Blocker 14. (Tie) Juan Rondon, Pablo Baez 16. (Tie) Kevin Howard, Mauricio Bravo 18. Harold Volbrecht 19. Gilles Elbilia 20. (Tie) Bobby Joe Young, Alfredo Lucero 22. (Tie) Pedro Vilella, Felipe Canela 24. (Tie) Robert Hines, Enrique Sallago, Eduardo Rodriguez, Lloyd Honeyghan

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. Johnny Bumphus* ..... Clementon, N.J.
2. Billy Costello** ..... Kingston, N.Y.
3. Ronnie Shields ..... Pt. Arthur, Texas.
4. Leroy Haley ..... Las Vegas, Nevada
5. Saoul Mamby ..... New York, N.Y.
6. Bruce Curry ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
7. Patrizio Oliva ..... Italy
8. Mario Cusson ..... Montreal, Canada
9. Hugo Hernandez ..... Argentina
10. Gary Hinton ..... Philadelphia, Pa.

11. Lorenzo Garcia 12. Reyes Cruz 13. Gene Hatcher 14. Ubaldo Sacco 16. (Tie) Clint McKenzie, Felix Reyes 18. Hideakazu Akai

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Ratings as of April 8, 1984
* WBA CHAMPION
** WBC CHAMPION
*** WBA AND WBC CHAMPION
IBF CHAMPION

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. Ray Mancini* ..... Youngstown, Ohio
2. Edwin Rosario** ..... Puerto Rico
3. Tyrone Crawley ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4. Livingstone Bramble ..... Passaic, N.J.
5. Howard Davis, Jr. ..... Glen Cove, N.Y.
6. Alvin Hayes ..... Detroit, Mich.
7. Harry Arroyo ..... Youngstown, Ohio
8. Jose Luis Ramírez ..... Mexico
9. Robin Blake ..... Levelland, Tex.
10. Orlando Romero ..... Peru

11. Charlie "White Lightning" Brown 12. (Tie) Ken Bogner, Charlie "Choo Choo" Brown 14. Nick Furlano 15. Jimmy Paul 16. Melvin Paul

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROCKY LOCKRIDGE* ..... Maple Shade, N.J.
1. Hector Camacho** ..... New York, N.Y.
2. Roger Mayweather ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
3. Bobby Chacon ..... Oroville, Calif.
4. Rafael Solis ..... Puerto Rico
5. Rolando Navarrete ..... Hawaii
6. Tae-Jin Moon ..... Korea
7. Alfredo Raininger ..... Italy
8. Jorge Alvarado ..... Panama
9. Refugio Rojas ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10. Il-Bok Lee ..... Korea

11. Yoshimitsu Azato 12. (Tie) Roberto Castanon, Rod Sequenan 14. Rafael Limon 15. Edgar Castro 16. Benedicto Villablanca 17. Hwan-Kil Yuh 18. Greg Coverson 19. Raphael Lopez 20. Isaiah Yonekura Ikhoni

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

EUSEBIO PEDROZA* ..... Panama
1. Wilfredo Gomez** ..... Puerto Rico
2. Juan LaPorte ..... New York, N.Y.
3. Azumah Nelson ..... Guam
4. Barry McGuigan .....
5. Ruben Castillo ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
6. Johnny De La Rosa ..... Miami, Fla.
7. Marcos Villasana ..... Mexico
8. Jackie Beard ..... Detroit, Mich.
9. Bernard Taylor ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
10. Richard Savage ..... W. Monroe, La.

11. Irving Mitchell 12. Jose Caba 13. Gerald Hayes 14. (Tie) Angel Mayor, Oscar Bejines 16. (Tie) Steve Cruz, Fernando Sosa 18. Jorge Lujan

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. Jaime Garza** ..... Los Angeles, California
2. Loris Stecca* ..... Italy
3. Mike Ayala ..... New York, N.Y.
4. Felipe Orozco ..... Colombia
5. Juan (Kid) Meza ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. Jorge Lujan ..... Panama
7. Bernardo Checa ..... Panama
8. Jorge Lujan ..... Panama
9. Bobby Berna ..... Philippines
10. Victor Callejas ..... Puerto Rico

11. Julian Solis 12. Felix Rodriguez 13. Oscar Muniz 14. (Tie) Sergio Palma, Seung-Hoon Lee, Bernardo Pinango 17. Raul Gonzalez 18. (Tie) Pongpan Sorphayathai,

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

RICHARD SANDOVAL* ..... Los Angeles, California
1. Jeff Chandler ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
2. Albert Davila** ..... Mexico
3. Jiro Watanabe ..... Japan
4. Enrique Sanchez ..... Dominican Republic
5. Oscar Muniz ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. Edgar Roman ..... Caracas, Venezuela
7. Payao Poontarat ..... Thailand
8. Rafael Orono ..... Venezuela
9. Gaby Canizales ..... Laredo, Texas
10. Harold Petty ..... Ft. Worth, Texas

11. Freddie Jackson 12. Paul Ferreri 13. Chul-Ho Kim 14. Jorge Ramirez 15. Neptali Alamag 16. (Tie) Daniel Blanco, Suk-Chul Bae 18. (Tie) James Pipps, Daniel Zaragoza

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

KOJI KOBAYASHI** ..... Japan
1. Santos Laciar* ..... Argentina
2. Jung-Koo Chang ..... Korea
3. Lupe Madera ..... Mexico
4. Frank Cedeno ..... Philippines
5. Eleoncio Mercedes ..... Dominican Republic
6. Candido Tellez ..... Mexico
7. Charlie Magri ..... England
8. Katsuo Tokashiki ..... Japan
9. Prudencio Cardona ..... Colombia
10. Gabriel Bernal ..... Mexico

11. (Tie) Freddie Castillo, Reinaldo Becerra 13. (Tie) German Torres, Juan Herrera 15. Guty Espadas 16. Joey Olivo 17. (Tie) Isidro Perez 18. (Tie) Keith Wallace, Antoine Montero

Above: "Terrible Tim" against the "Leaning Tower of Pizza."

NOBODY'S EVER SAID FIGHTERS were great mathematicians, least of all heavyweights Greg Page and Tim Witherspoon. Not that these men can't count to 10, mind you, although neither has ever had it done over him in the ring; it's just that after the heat of combat fact turns to fancy, and fighters—like sportswriters—are prone to exaggeration.

Take Page after his March 9 fight against Witherspoon at the Las Vegas Convention Center. "He only scored one or two punches," said Greg. "That's it."

And take Witherspoon after the same fight: "I hurt him hundreds of times."

The truth lies somewhere in between. But then, Page's own output was mostly of a non-violent nature and that's one reason why "Terrible Tim" is now the World Boxing Council heavyweight champion.

The other reasons include the fact that

By JIM HUNTER

Witherspoon wanted the title more than Page did. Oh, Greg will argue that point now, but he certainly didn't press his case in the ring. Witherspoon was just hungrier.

Page was hungry too, but he took care of that before the fight. It showed. It was hard to miss, what with the layer of fat around his upper body and the roll around his middle. He weighed in at a whopping 239½ pounds more than 24 hours before the fight and he topped 240 by the time he slowly made his

'Spoon poses with the belt. The trademark coiffure of Don King can be seen behind Tim. It was a dispute with King that caused Holmes to punt the WBC belt.

way into the ring. "Well, now America knows where the beef is!," exclaimed one fan whose seat afforded him a clear view of Page's path.

"What's the hell he doing? Stopping for a hot dog?" asked another fan as Page kept everyone waiting.

"So what if I don't have a rock hard body," growls Page. "Weight is something women are supposed to worry about." Women and fighters, among others, Greg.

Perhaps the only thing that weighed more than Page was the chip on his shoulder. Page may have the most natural talent of anyone now campaigning in the division but he seems intent on wasting it. "I'm not trying to be another Muhammad Ali," Page insisted defensively before the fight. Just because one happens to come from Louisville, Ky., doesn't mean he "floats like a butterfly and stings like a bee," especially not when at age 25, he carries more fat than Ali ever carried at 35.

WITHERSPOON'S STILL SAYING thank you, because Page played right into his hands. Greg failed to use his fine foot speed, instead planting himself much of the time with his back shoved up against the ropes.

The consensus was nearly unanimous. The crowd in the Convention Center solidly cheered Witherspoon at the end, when Tim jumped into the arms of his 24-year-old trainer, Aaron Snowell. Two of the three judges thought Witherspoon won handily. Judges Jerry Roth and Lou Tabat both had Witherspoon winning by 117-111 (9 rounds to 3), while Chuck Minker seemed to be someplace else, calling it even at 114-114 (6-6). Officially, a majority decision.

Page blamed "the system" for his loss and announced his retirement immediately after the fight. But 12 days later, Page was in Las Vegas, reportedly preparing for a bout later this spring. Nobody really expected Greg to retire, anyway.

It didn't ring true either when Page said, "I beat Witherspoon at his own game. That was my strategy. I beat him physically, he beat me on paper." Witherspoon did beat Page in the ring.

The 26-year-old Philadelphian is often faulted for his failure to throw enough punches, but he was busy enough to keep Page backing up throughout. The fight was fairly even for the first five rounds, but Witherspoon dominated the second half. He won six of the first seven on Roth's and Tabat's scorecards. Surprisingly, Minker had Page on top after 10 and it was only Witherspoon's strong finale that resulted in the verdict being a majority rather than a split decision.

Page may have thrown more punches, but taps don't count. Not only was Witherspoon the aggressor, he was by far the bigger banger. He rocked Page at least 10 times, including once, late in the 11th, when a left-right-left combination snapped back Page's head and buckled his legs. Referee Mills Lane was nowhere near stopping the fight, but Page was happy to hear the round-ending bell.

Page was content to stay in close and wrestle, a tactic which made his best tool—a quick, hard left jab—useless. With 240 pounds of muscle and Big Macs behind him, Page did hurt Witherspoon a few times, once with a left-right to the head at the end of the third round and again with a left-right to the jaw at the start of the ninth. It was around that time, from eighth to the tenth rounds, that Page staged a brief rally. He wasn't exactly looking good, but Tim was taking a breather then, and wasn't nearly as busy with his punches as he had been.

Or would be. Witherspoon rallied in the 11th and 12th frames to dash whatever hopes Page may have had of stealing a decision. The decision, when it came, brought Witherspoon's record to 18-1. World Champion Larry Holmes, the man who handed Witherspoon his only loss, in Vegas last year, waved around his new IBF belt at ringside, making clear the contempt with which he viewed his successor to the crown of Don King and Jose Sulaiman. Page dropped to 21-2.

TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE FIGHT LAS Vegas oddsmakers questioned Witherspoon; he was a 9-5 underdog. But his training at the Riviera Hotel so impressed onlookers, he was only a 7-5 'dog one week prior. That combined with Page's positively lackluster performances in the Riv's north ballroom gym that Witherspoon was 6-5 the day before and even when the bell sounded.

"I thought it was an even fight," said Witherspoon surprisingly in that he didn't consider himself the favorite.

Page, who gets just as testy about his training methods as he does about his weight and Ali comparisons, was a contradiction on occasion. On one hand he said, "I'm in good shape. I've got to be because I'm fighting for the big one, the WBC title. That's the main one. That's the one I want most. I don't care who I fight for it, Larry Holmes or the bell captain. I'm gonna win and that's what I've been preparing for." On the other hand, he said about his training, "I don't have to have a war in the ring every day. I'm not fighting King Kong."

But the No. 1 contender was fighting for the title, and he did come up short. Now Witherspoon wears the crown, and a more determined heavyweight is hard to find. A better heavyweight, yes, for Larry Holmes is still king. But don't discount Witherspoon; he's come a long way in short time.

"I've surprised myself," he says. "This is where I wanted to be as a football, basketball or baseball player back when I was in high school. All this attention. It used to scare me. I used to run away from it. Now people say 'There's Tim Witherspoon' and I can't believe they know me and they're calling my name.

"Winning the title is like a dream come true. I never thought I'd come this far." ■

THE RING BOXSCORE™

WITHERSPOON W 12 PAGE (Majority Decision)
March 9, 1984 Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nev.

For vacant WBC heavyweight title
Scheduled distance: 12 rounds
Greg Page, 239½, Louisville
Seconds: Leroy Edmerson (chief), Marcus Anderson
Tim Witherspoon, 220¼, Philadelphia
Seconds: Aaron Snowell (chief), Eddie Aliano

Promoter: Don King Productions
Purses: Page—$400,000
W'sp'n—$250,000
Odds nearest to fight time: 6-5 pick 'em
Attendance: 3,500 (est.)
Ring Announcer: Chuck Hull
Television: HBO (live)

Referee: Mills Lane (non-scoring)
Judges: Chuck Minker, Jerry Roth, Lou Tabat

SCORECARDS 10-point must system

Judge	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total	
Chuck Minker	W	W	P	P	W	P	W	P	P	P	W	W	6-6 (114-114)	**Draw**
Jerry Roth	W	W	P	W	P	W	W	P	W	W	W	W	9-3 (117-111)	**W'sp'n**
Lou Tabat	W	W	W	P	P	W	W	W	P	W	W	W	9-3 (117-111)	**W'sp'n**

W = Witherspoon's round P = Page's round All rounds scored 10-9

Knockdowns: None

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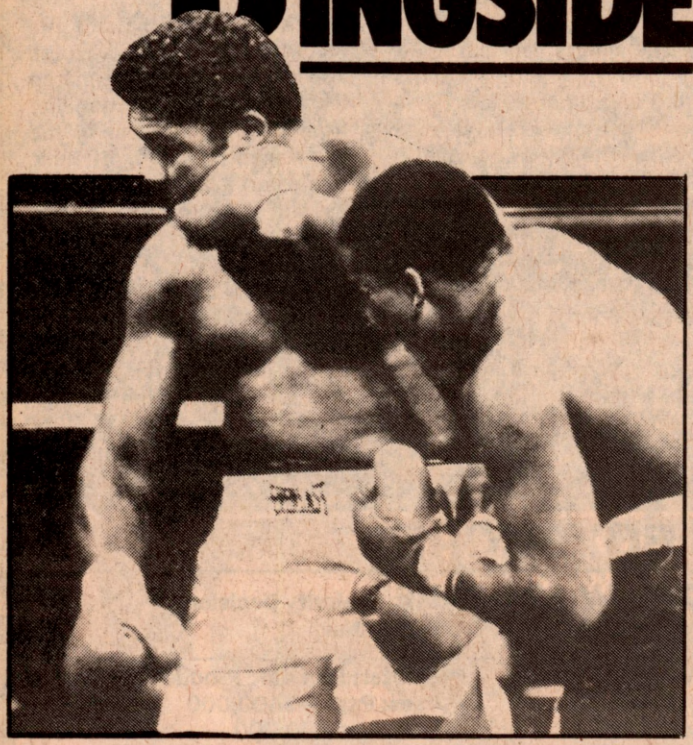

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FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

Heavyweight **Tim Witherspoon** is the hands-down choice for "Fighter of the Month" by virtue of his well-earned, 12-round majority decision victory over Greg Page at the Las Vegas Convention Center. The result was a mild upset by ratings standards—Page was ranked number 2 by THE RING and Tim was ranked number 5. Page was a betting favorite as well, during the days preceding the bout, contested for the vacant WBC title. But after Greg weighed in at a fat 239½ pounds the action shifted toward Tim and the fighters went off at even odds. The win gives 'Spoon a belt to call his own and makes him the leading contender for the winner of the Larry Holmes-Gerrie Coetzee World Championship fight.

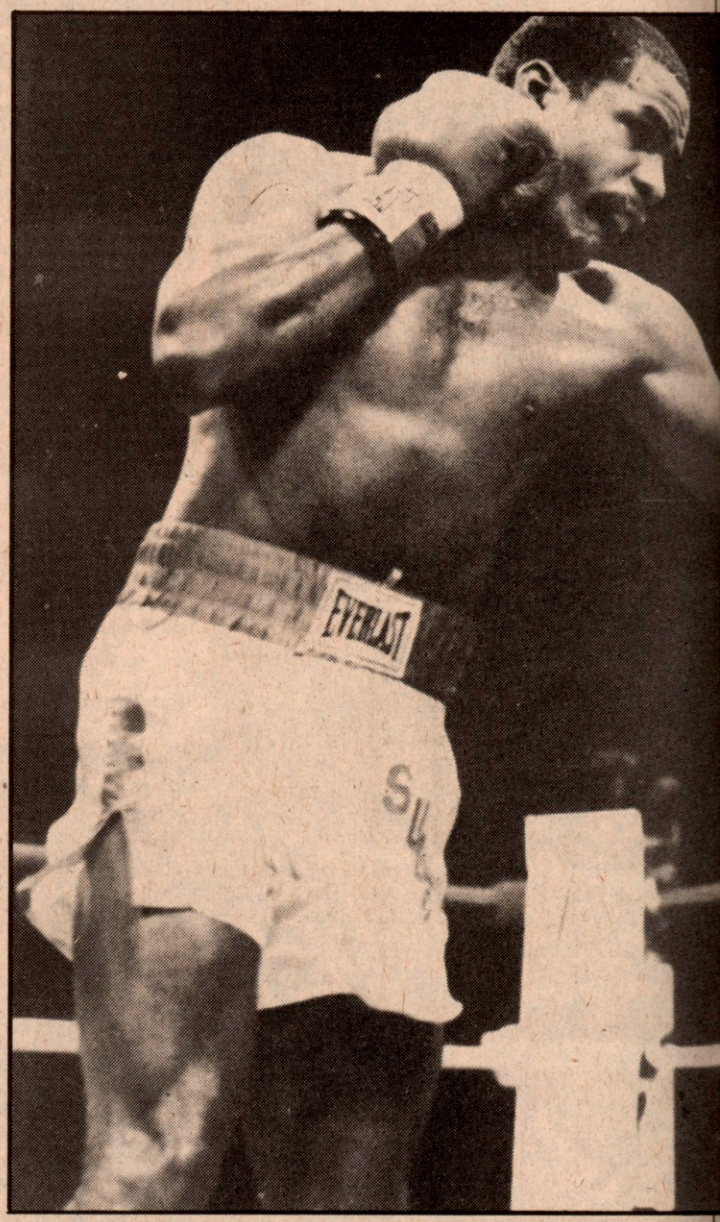
● Runner-up for "Fighter of the Month" is Jersey City, N.J.'s **Mark Medal**. Medal was a decided underdog going into his junior middleweight bout with Philadelphia knockout artist Earl Hargrove at the Sands Casino in Atlantic City. But Mark stood toe-to-toe with Hargrove, bulled him around the ring, and finished him off with a barrage at 49 seconds of the fifth round. Medal picked up the vacant IBF title with the win. More important, he's now rumored to be Sugar Ray Leonard's next opponent after Ray's expected dispatch of Kevin Howard.

● Two other explosive performances: WBC lightweight champion **Edwin Rosario** returned to the ring for the first time since he broke his right wrist while winning the title last May. Rosario's sub-two minute demolition of Roberto Elizondo in San Juan showed that all is well. And former WBA welterweight king **Pipino Cuevas** returned to the ring for the first time since Roberto Duran blasted him out in four rounds in January, 1983 at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles. At the same venue, Cuevas did a bit better this time, decking Mauricio Bravo twice before finishing him off at 2:59 of round one.

DE LEON-DAVIS
WBC Cruiserweight Title

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA—Even a lackadaisical and seemingly uninterested Carlos (Sugar) DeLeon was way too much for Anthony Davis. DeLeon made the second successful defense of his WBC cruiserweight title, winning a unanimous 12 round decision in the featured bout on the Witherspoon-Page undercard. Carlos won pretty much as he pleased in an uninspiring excuse for a championship bout that underlined the division's desperate need for a talent infusion.

Davis, an ex-Marine who entered the ring wearing camouflage trunks with thigh-high



epaulets (one of his military-garbed cornermen even wore a web belt and canteen), had earned the WBC's number two ranking on the strength of a rather skimpy 14-1 (seven kayoes) record. Anthony proved strong, but limited. His plodding atack lacked imagination, but without his persistent attitude, there wouldn't have been much of a fight at all.

DeLeon, 190, Puerto Rico, probably won the fight in the first six rounds. He swept those sessions, staying one step ahead of his challenger, spearing him on the way in with just enough lefts and rights to hold an edge. The only time Carlos erupted with anything remotely serious was in reply to the occasional clean punch Davis managed to land. When unmolested, the champion seemed content to stay comfortably out of range.

Davis' pressure, if not punch, kept DeLeon honest and in the seventh and eighth it looked like Anthony's perseverance might be paying off.

After fielding a couple of clean blows in the seventh, DeLeon charged out for the eighth and ran smack into a stiff right to the chops. Davis, 194¼, followed with another right that put Carlos on the defensive. He continued his rally throughout the round, enjoying by far his best moment of the fight.

Davis' efforts had him blowing hard by the end of the round, and although his left eye was partially closed, he seemed sure that the tide had turned.

"I'm gonna get him. He's mine," Davis snorted as he returned to his corner.

Unfortunately for Davis, it was not to be. DeLeon, his interest renewed, timed a Davis charge perfectly in the ninth and dropped him to one knee with a right to the jaw. Although the punch had momentarily taken Davis' legs, he beat referee Carlos Padilla's count and withstood DeLeon's attempts to finish him off. At the bell, both men looked tired.

DeLeon jabbed at Davis' eye to win the 10th and then petered out the final two rounds, allowing Davis to make it closer than it should have been. For the last two minutes of the 12th, Carlos rested his back against the turnbuckle and permitted Davis to flail away. By then, however, Anthony was too pooped to do much damage.

DeLeon's trainer, Bill Prezant, denied rumors that the champ had taken the fight lightly and wasn't in the best possible shape.

"He was in excellent condition," maintained Prezant. "This guy (Davis) had a lot of guts, but this kid (DeLeon) is one of the best cruiserweights in the world."

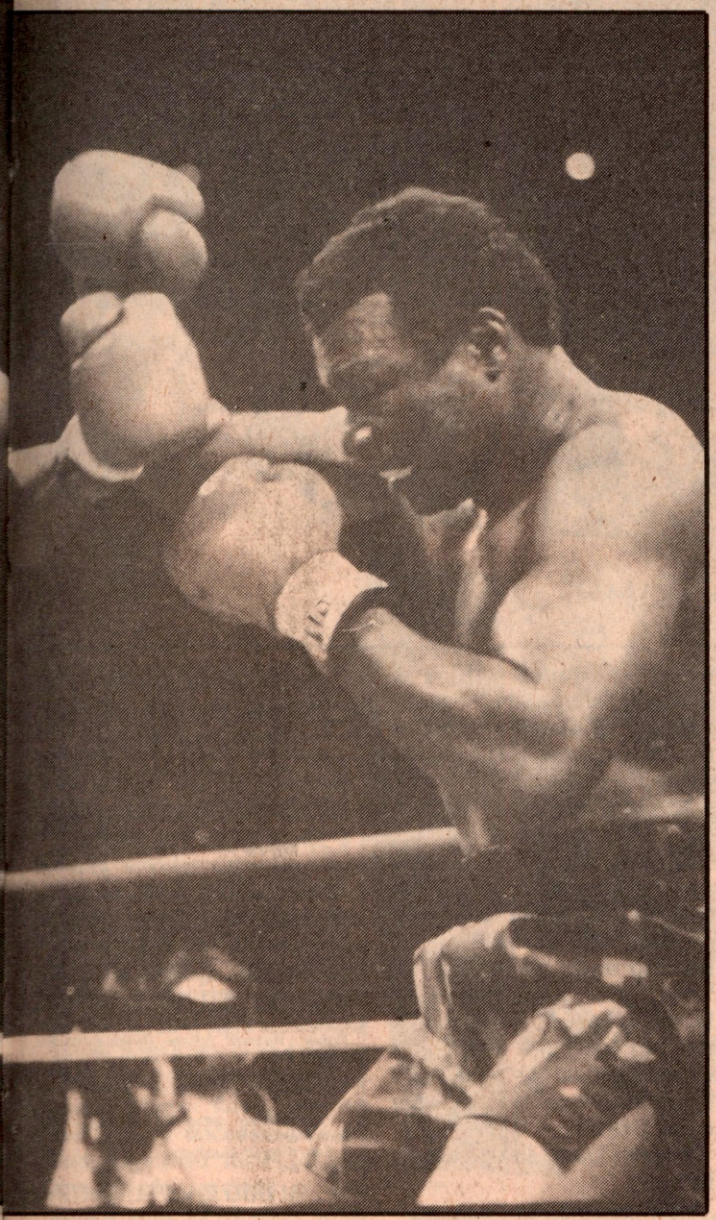
DeLeon, who raised his record to 35-2-1 (25 kayoes), also claimed that he had injured his right hand, preventing him from taking Davis out in the late stages.

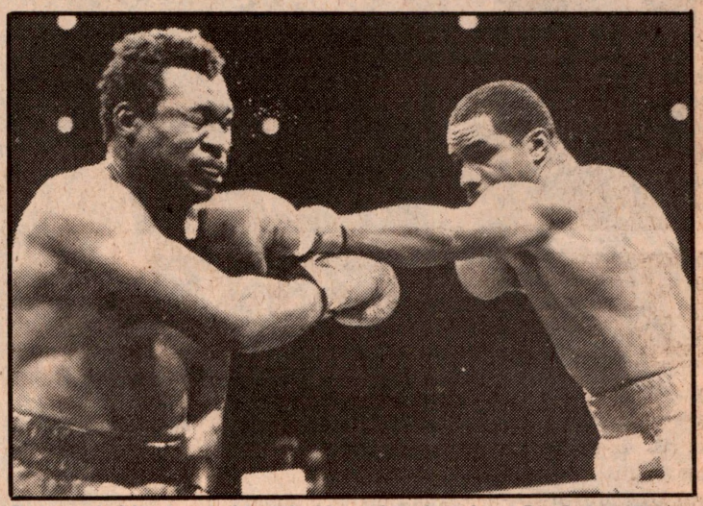
"He hurt it in the eighth," said Prezant. "We told him just to jab, jab, stick and move and be contented to win the fight."

Not even Davis could find fault with the 118-113, 118-112, and 115-112 scores handed in by judges Garcia Bernal, Ray Solis, and Mike Jacobs, respectively.

"I thought the scoring was just about right, unfortunately," agreed the loser.

At this point, DeLeon seems to be merely going through the motions, fighting only as hard as he has to. The cruisers are badly in need of a star. Despite a ton of natural ability, Carlos lacks the spark necessary to stir up much interest in either the division or himself.





DeLeon (white trunks) battled boredom but beat Davis handily.

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Azumah Nelson, 127½, Ghana, won a unanimous decision over Hector Cortez, 126½, Los Angeles, 10. Referee, Richard Steele.

David Bey, 228, Philadelphia, won a unanimous decision over Leroy Caldwell, 206, Las Vegas, 10. Referee, Davey Pearl.

Dwight Davison, 161¼, Detroit, TKO'd Charles Pierre LeCour, 159, New Orleans, at 2:31 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Referee, Joey Curtis.

Horace Shufford, 148½, Las Vegas, won a unanimous decision over Clayton Hires, Denver, 10. Referee, Carlos Padilla.

Jocko Johnson, 191, Philadelphia, won a split decision over Ivy Brown, 196, Kansas City, Missouri, six. Referee, Joey Curtis.

The main event was televised live over the HBO cable and taped for delayed broadcast by NBC-TV.

Promoter—Don King Productions and the Riviera Hotel Casino
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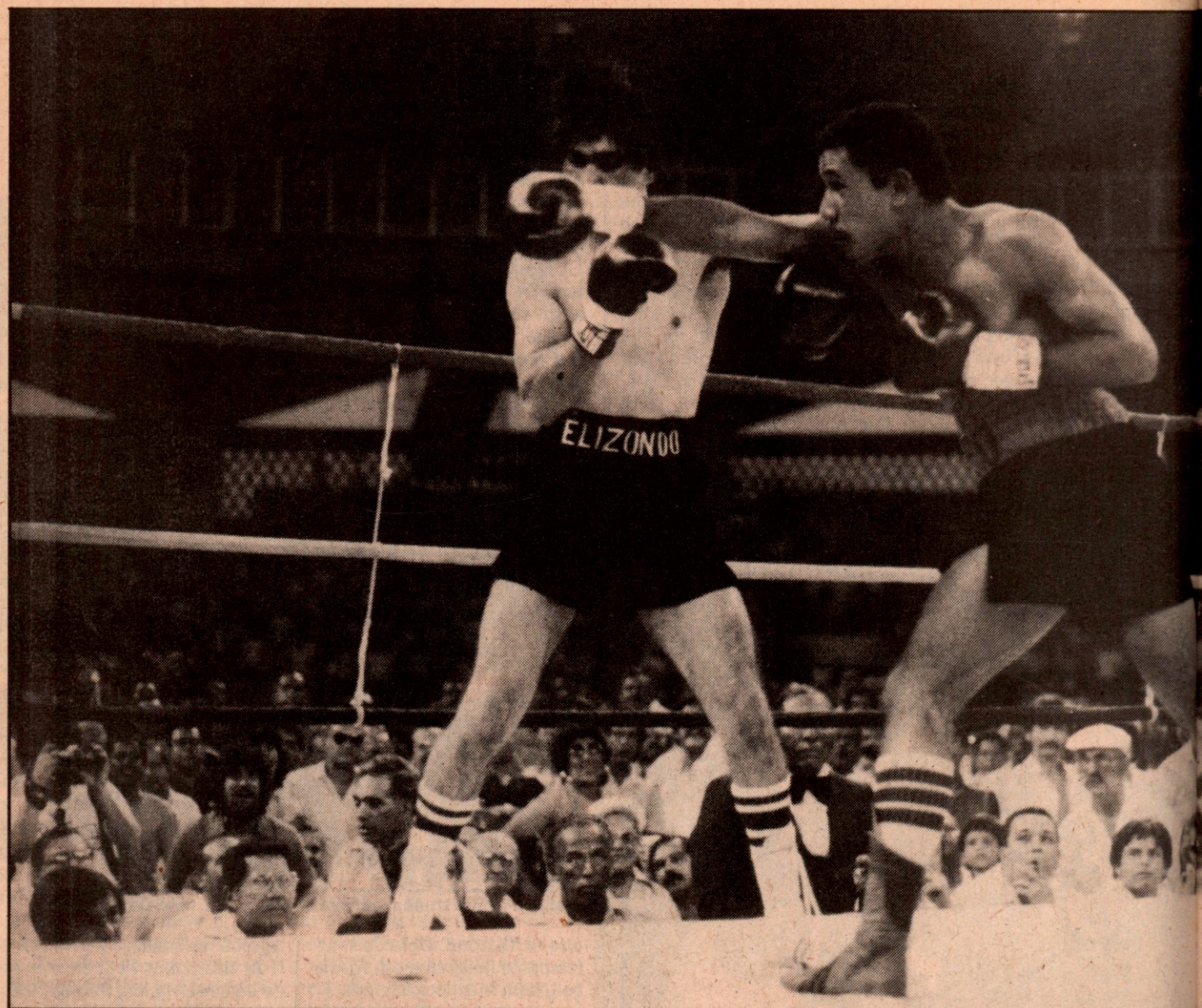

ROSARIO-ELIZONDO
WBC Lightweight Title

SAN JUAN, P.R.—Edwin Rosario retained his WBC lightweight crown by stopping Roberto Elizondo at 1:56 of the first round of a scheduled 12-round title bout at Hiram Bithorn Stadium.

Elizondo had arrived in San Juan two weeks earlier with an entourage including manager Jackie McCoy and first class spar mate Rocky Garcia. McCoy said that this was Elizondo's last shot at a title, and that he was going to take advantage of the situation.

The "situation" being that Rosario had not fought since his title-winning effort against Jose Luis Ramirez more than 10 months earlier, that Rosario was lucky to win the decision over Ramirez, that Edwin had not faced the overall high calibre level of opposition Elizondo had, and that the champ had a rather questionable right hand.

Jose Luis Ramirez himself had declared Elizondo was tough, and that the best Rosario could hope for was a hometown verdict.

Elizondo, then, decided to go for a knockout victory. He came out steaming in the first, but lost heart after tasting one of the champ's piston-like jabs.

Rosario immediately sensed that Elizondo was not in the mood to trade with him. Moments later, a hard right to the side of the head—just below the left ear, signalled Elizondo's downfall.

The challenger had nothing left in him from that time on. Another right, and then another and another, followed by a left hook to the body and a crushing right to the head put Roberto down. He was up at "Four," but two more right hands, followed by a left uppercut, put him back down in a unique fashion. He looked as if he wanted to walk to his corner on all fours.

Referee David Pearl called a halt.

Wilfredo Vasquez won the vacant Puerto Rican bantamweight title by knocking out Juan (Chiqui) Torres in the fourth round of their scheduled 12. A particularly potent left hook was the knockout punch. Wiso Fernandez, referee. Vasquez is now 14-1.

Juan Nazario won the Latin American junior light crown by stopping Jose Vidal, Dminican Republic, in the ninth round of another scheduled 12. Vidal was ahead on points, and had even floored Nazario in the second, but a sudden barrage of lefts and rights dropped him in the fatal session. He was up at "nine," but in no condition to continue, and referee Max Heliger called a halt.

Julian Jackson, the St. Thomas junior middle, halted former world junior middleweight champ Eddie Gazo at 0:36 of the second in a scheduled 10. A left to the jaw did the trick. Jackson is now undefeated in 18 pro bouts.

Junior featherweight Alberto Mercado stopped Colombin Oswaldo Acevedo in the ninth.

Joe Ribera looked great in stopping Alverto Batista in the second, junior lightweights. Roberto Ramirez, referee. Rivera is now 6-2. Batista is 6-0.

Flyweight Juan Carazo made his pro debut by knocking out Marcos Claudio in the second.

Carlos Mateo outscored Gerlasio Morales, four. Mateo is 6-1.

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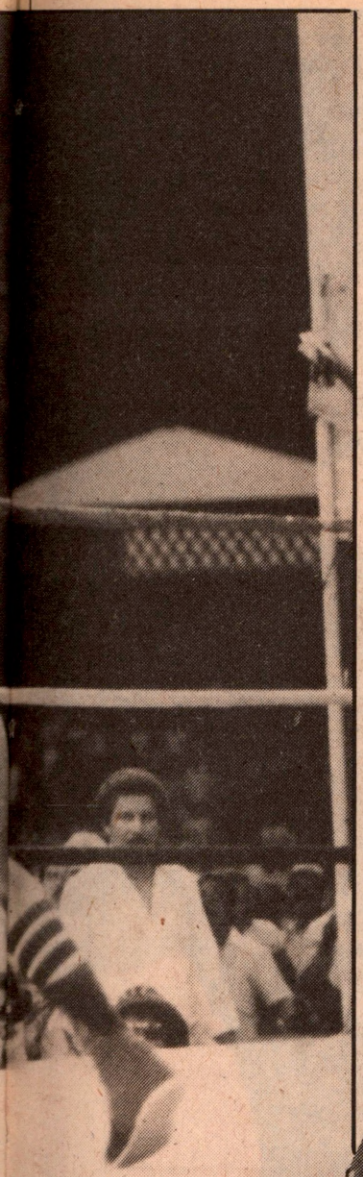
MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

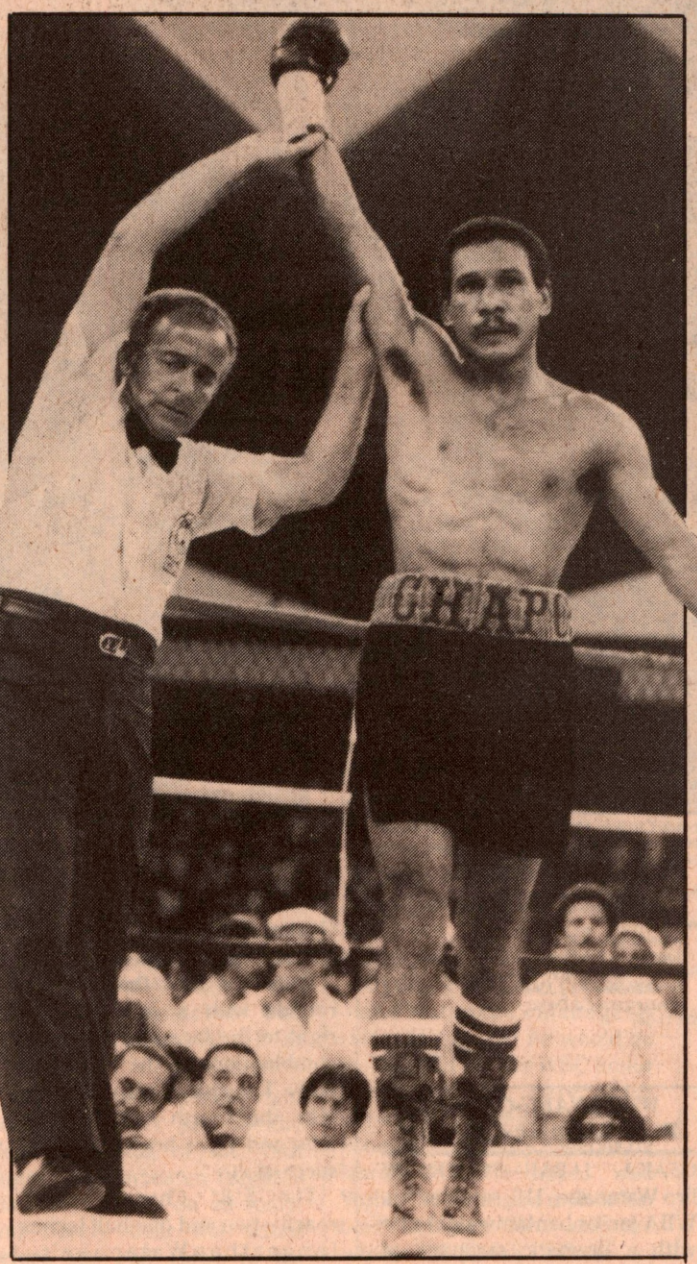


MEDAL-HARGROVE
Vacant IBF Junior Middleweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—It's commonly held that one thing a trainer can't give a boxer is a chin. Evidently, Bernard Forbes and Emile Griffith neglected to read the manual in preparing Mark Medal to face the thunderous fists of Earl Hargrove for the vacant IBF junior middleweight title at the Sands. Both fighters had similar reputations: murderous punchers whose flaws, if any hadn't been uncovered by an undistinguished roster of victims. Medal sported a 22-1 record with 19 kayoes, while Hargrove had flattened all 24 of his opponents. But in his lone loss, early in his career, hard-punching Kevin Perry had blown Medal out like a Dixie cup. That, coupled with an almost frail-looking physique, made Mark an underdog, but, when the smoked cleared after an action-packed and dramatic battle, it was Medal's chin that stood out above all else—kind of like the flag over Iwo Jima.

Hargrove, 153½, Phila., stormed out for the first like he'd tasted blood. Attacking behind a solid body beating, he threw around Medal, 152¾, Jersey City, like a rag doll. However, in the second, Mark started to show the iron nobody knew he had. In blistering exchanges along the ropes, Earl landed shots that could've turned Boss Hogg honest. But Medal, though he admitted later he'd been hurt, never showed it. Earl had his last good round in the third (all three judges gave him the first three, Medal the fourth), but Mark was surprisingly outbulling and backing-him-up in the exchanges.

The action swung to Medal in the fourth, another ferocious round that saw Mark hold his own on the inside, then rock Hargrove with long range bombs when he could circle free. A right lead that sent the spray flying early only seemed to make Earl fight harder. But when the same punch landed again, Earl was hurt. That and a badly cut right eye sent Hargrove back to his corner in trouble. Medal wasted no time in the fifth, another right lead sending Earl wobbling back into the ropes. He tried to cover up, but was not reacting well as Medal pounded away, causing referee Paul Venti to stop the scheduled 15 at 0:49.



The new champion credited much to his trainers, listing special neck exercises as responsible for his amazing durability, and better balance for his ability to move Hargrove around. Likewise, failure to heed his trainer may have cost Hargrove. Georgie Benton said he'd wanted Earl to stop going for the home run after Medal survived the early fireworks, and begin to box behind the jab. But having all his opponents fall may have limited Earl's repertoire (Benton said long ago he wished the knockout streak would end.) Earl claimed his mistake was waiting for Medal to throw the right hand bomb so that he could counter with a kayo bomb of his own. But he threw an awful lot of punches for a guy who's "waiting." Georgie felt he was just too undisciplined. "Self-control beat Earl Hargrove," Georgie opined, meaning the lack of it.

Much to Elizondo's dismay, Rosario's once-injured right was . . . all right!

Seeing his artillery bounce off the target couldn't have helped either. "I couldn't figure out what was holding him up," Earl confessed. He claimed he was more shocked than hurt by the payoff punch, and was trying to regroup, but he didn't protest the referee's action. At the party arranged in anticipation of his victory, Hargrove stated, "I lost the fight, but I see

I've still got my friends, and that's more important."

As is often the case, the valor in the ring was exceeded only by the tomfoolery on the outside. This bout was misrepresented by the newly formed IBF (Int'l Boxing Fed.) as for the "world" title, as if Roberto Duran, one of the greatest fighters of all time, not to mention Thomas Hearns, did not exist. However, the IBF does open up the promotional field a bit. This one combined Peltz-Connelly (Hargrove) and Madison Square Garden (Medal), and was noteworthy in that the Garden finally held onto a fighter all the way to a championship, after losing more men than the charge up San Juan Hill.

Garden matchmaker Harold Weston was appropriately ebullient, talking of reviving the big arena with matches like Medal vs. Benitez, then the Duran-Hearns winner. But managers Bob McNamara and Eddie Allen expressed more of a "let-them-come-to-us" attitude. They lauded the IBF as a more fair and representative organization than the other world bodies, insinuating they didn't have to deal under the table. "My partner and I didn't have...to go to Las Vegas to play politics...They are over a candy store in Mexico dictating to the world.

"The emergence of Medal could develop some great matches, or block them—if he goes the easy way against a series of unknowns from the far corners and overmatched prelim kids. He doesn't seem quite ready for Duran or Hearns yet, but, with the surprising development he showed in this fight, it shouldn't be far off.

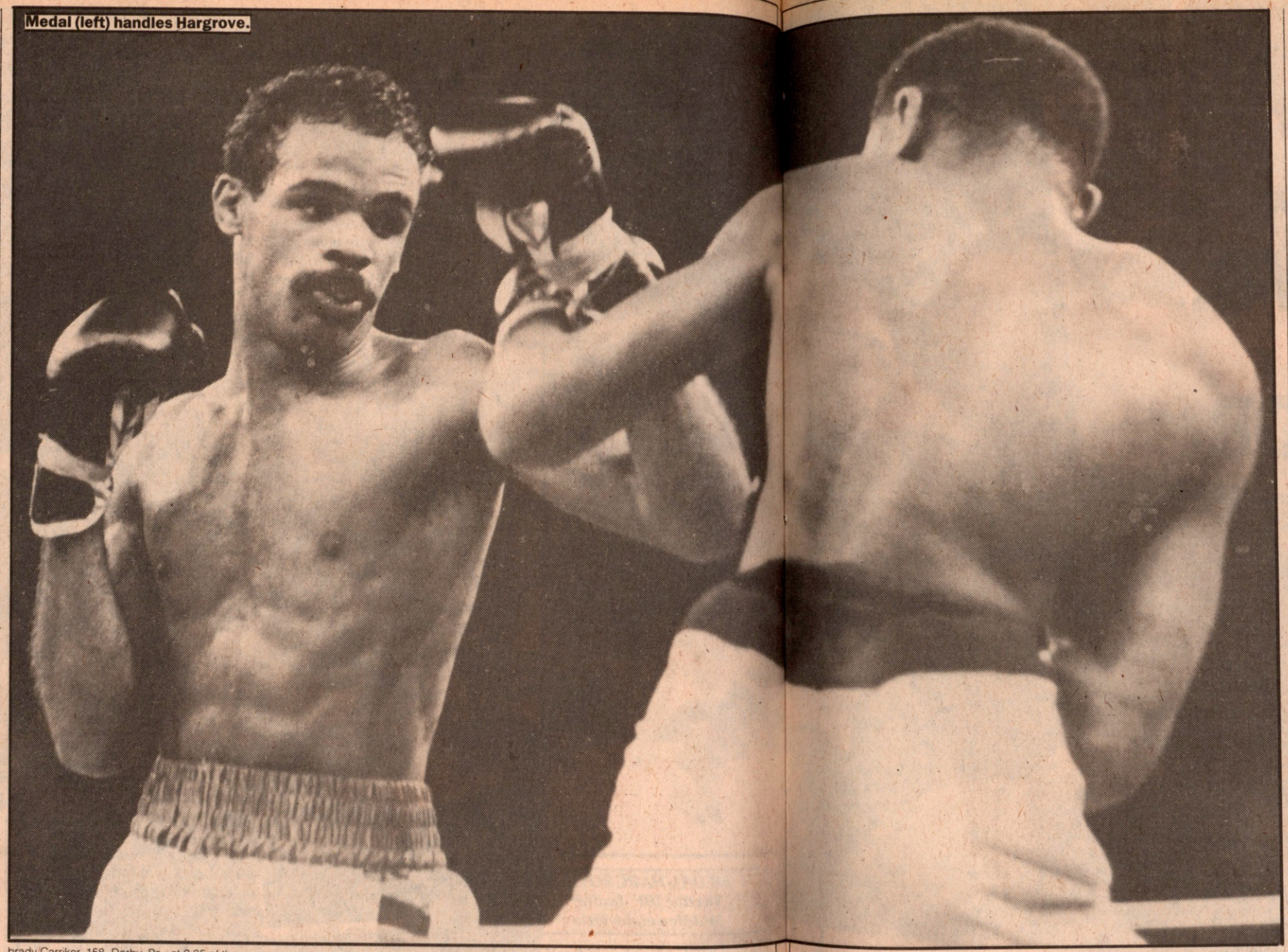
Solidly-improving Anthony Fletcher, 136½, Phila., destroyed Alex Byrd, 135½, Detroit, knocking him down twice in the first and out at 1:21 of the second, scheduled 10. Larry Hazzard refereed.

Calvin Grove, 126¼, Coatesville, Pa., was down briefly in the first, but came on and TKO'd Sylvester Price, 126, Muncie, Ind.; at 2:47 of the fourth, scheduled 10. Price was down twice and appeared to want to quit. Joe O'Neil refereed.

Jose Fuentes, 152¼, Jersey City, failed to impress, struggling to a split decision over Danny Harold, 156, Vineland, eight. Ref, O'Neil.

Tommy Barnes, 125½, Phila., knocked out John McIntosh, 127¼, Muncie, at 2:35 of the first round in a scheduled six. Ref, O'Neil.

John Jackson, 155¼, Phila., TKO'd Kim-



Medal (left) handles Hargrove.

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brady Carriker, 158, Darby, Pa., at 2:35 of the first round in their scheduled six, one knockdown. Ref, Hazzard.

Promoters—Peltz Boxing, Connelly Promotions, Madison Square Garden.

Matchmakers—J. Russell Peltz, Harold Weston.

Attendance—800 (est.).

Judges (undercard)—Harold Lederman, Richard F. Murry, Milo Savage.

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.

Announcer—Ed Derian.

(03-11-84)

J.R. JOWETT

WATANABE-CHAVEZ
WBA Bantamweight Title

OSAKA, JAPAN—SOUTHPAW Jiro Watanabe, 115, retained his WBA junior bantamweight title with a dramatic stoppage of lanky Panamanian challenger Celso Chavez, 112¾, at 1:10 of the 15th and final round at Osaka Castle International Culture Sports Hall.

Watanabe took the first two rounds with a solid straight right to the face and follow-up combinations to the head and body. The champ came back to take the fourth with straight lefts and right hooks in rapid succession.

The 5'8" Chavez's 69¾" reach—two and one-half inches longer than Watanabe's—proved to be a nuisance. Celso turned loose in the sixth round, and Watanabe suffered a small cut under the right eyebrow.

Jiro went on the defensive in the seventh, and the nick had stopped bleeding by the beginning of the eighth. Watanabe took the next three rounds, almost toppling the taller man with a well-timed straight left in the eighth canto.

Chavez was not aggressive enough in the seventh and eighth sessions, probably for fear of running out of gas; he'd sunk most of his opponents within a few rounds in Panama. Celso's cornermen (manager Manuel Perez and trainer Jose Ortega) shouted at him to get his punches off first ("Primero!") at the beginning of the 11th, and the Panamanian National University student followed their instructions to the letter. A left hook shook the champ near the ropes, but Watanabe weaved and rolled his way out of trouble.

Many thought the tide had turned in Celso's favor, but the champ regained his earlier sharpness in the 12th round, scoring with good combos to Chavez's face. The 13th frame saw the challenger score with a good straight right, but Watanabe connected with short combos to make it an even round.

Jiro landed an explosive right hook to Celso's jaw in the closing seconds of the 14th inning. The unbeaten Panamanian went down on all fours, and barely beat the count before the bell came to his rescue.

Watanabe exults.

Celso's eyes were glassy, and he took a beating in the final round. Jiro landed lefts and rights almost at will until referee Maj. Fritz Werner rescued the groggy challenger with 1:50 of the frame remaining.

"I'm happy to retain the crown," said a triumphant Watanabe. "My seconds told me not to go for the kayo before the start of the last round, but I wanted to finish him off for the benefit of my fans. I was only able to see out of my left eye from the 11th round on."

"Watanabe is a great champion," said the dejected loser. Chavez's purse was a nice $50,000; Watanabe got $150,000.

Kiyoshi Yoshii, the promoter—and Watanabe's manager—said that Jiro and he would go th Thailand for the WBC junior bantamweight title fight between champion Payao Poontarat and Guty Espadas on March 28. "We hope," said Yoshii, "to arrange a unification bout between Jiro and the winner." If Yoshii's efforts are successful, Jiro stands a good chance to be one of only three "universally" recognized world champs. (Michael Spinks and Marvin Hagler are the other two.)

Watanabe is now 21-1 with 15 knockouts. Chavez is 16-1-1 with 14 kayoes. Video Research showed the fight had a 27% audience share and, with 15,300 fans in attendance at the 16,000 capacity Sports Hall, the card was a complete success.

Title bout scorecards after 14: referee Maj. Fritz Wener (San Diego), 139-128; judge Albert Tremari (Chicago) and William McConkey (Alaska), both 137-129—all for Watanabe.

Junya Kushikino, 146¾, retained his Japanese welterweight crown by demolishing Taijiro Niiyama, 147, at 2:56 of the second in a scheduled 10-rounder. Kushikino, 29, is now 25-13 with 22 kayoes. Niiyama, 21, who was floored twice, is 11-2 with six knockouts.

Takuya Muguruma, 122, retained his Japanese junior featherweight title by flooring shorter Kaoru Yoshioka, also 122, three times in the third round for an automatic knockout at 2:00 of the session. Muguruma, 23, a stablemate of Watanabe, is now 16-0 with 11 kayoes. Yoshioka, 24, is 12-11-1 with nine knockouts.

Four-rounders: Ryozo Yamamoto, 113, outpointed Takashi Harada, 112¼. Kaneto Kimura, 121, outscored Takashi Kitano, 121¼. Yukinari Oshiro, 109¾, stopped Tsutomu Nakasako, 110, at 0:49 of the second in the opener.

Ringside Physician—Dr. Hiroshi Suzuki.

WBA witness—Nick Kerasiotis (Chicago).

Osaka Teiken Pomotions.

Yomiuri and Nippon TV.

Attendance—15,300 (new Japanese indoor record).

(03-15-84)

JOE KOIZUMI

Though he owned one of the best records in boxing, it wasn't until he beat Robin Blake last January that anybody began to notice the former stablemate of Ray Mancini.

HARRY ARROYO: BOXING'S QUIET WARRIOR

By Larry Ringler

Arroyo's biggest victory to date was the January upset of Robin Blake.

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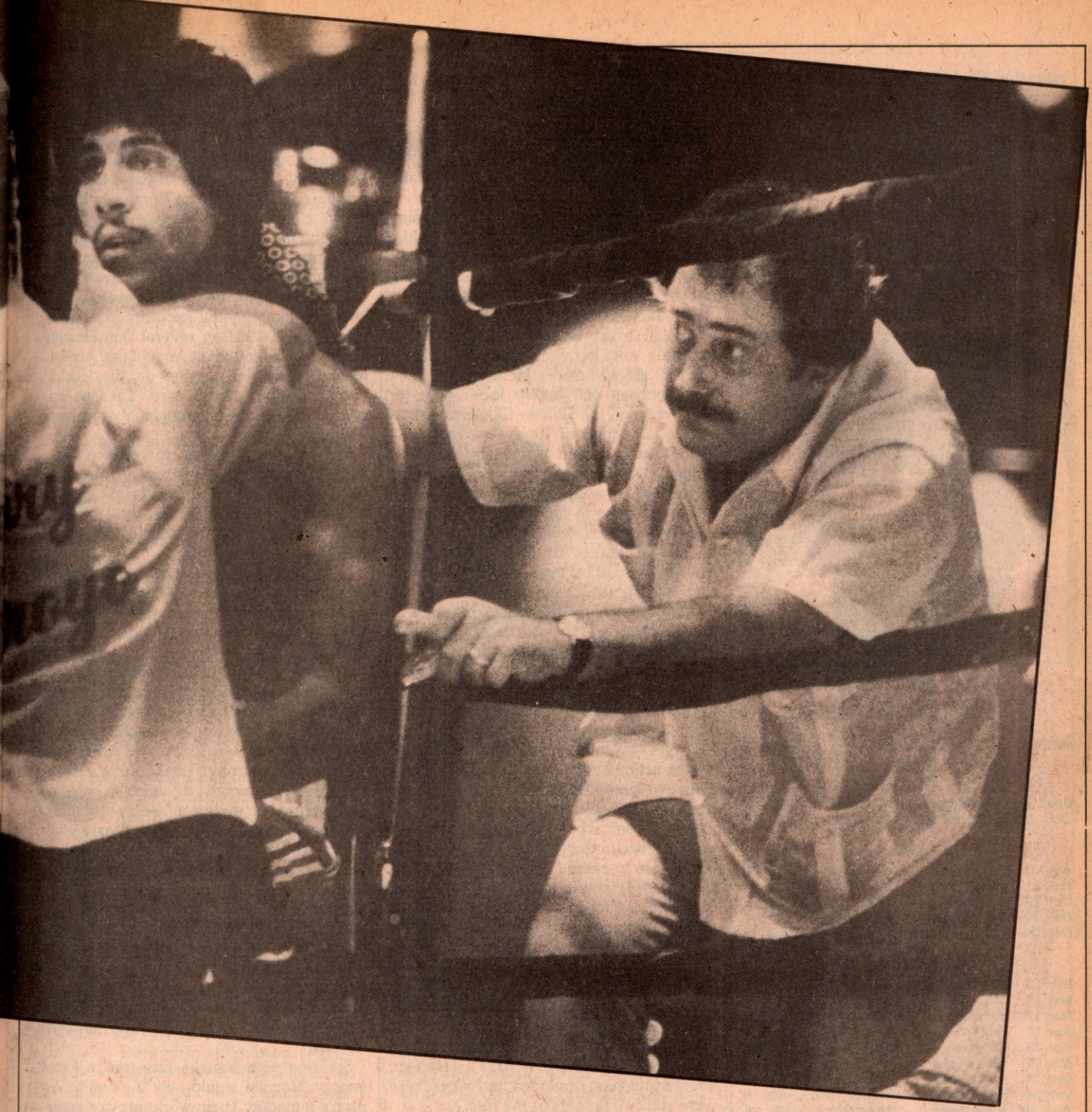

THE SCENE IS QUINTESSENTIAL Harry Arroyo. It comes as the bell ends his finest pro performance, a textbook blend of aggressiveness, defense and counterpunching. And it comes in the ideal situation—a nationally televised 10 rounder against lightweight contender Robin Blake. All that's needed to complete Arroyo's biggest day is a theatrical flourish, perhaps running back to his corner waving his hands in triumph.

But something strange happens. Blake is the one raising his hands in jubilation. Blake is the one acting like he's won. Arroyo? He makes a half-hearted victory gesture, then embraces his opponent. He looks like a guy thanking Blake for letting him go the distance instead of one who has just boxed Blake out of his shoes.

As the fighters await the decision, Blake smiles confidently. Arroyo's lips move tightly as if in silent prayer. Only when the decision for him is announced does he permit himself a small grin. Simple, understated, under control. No jumping, no somersaults, no throwing kisses to the crowd. Harry Arroyo wins the way he fights, with a minimum of histrionics and a maximum of grace.

Arroyo, 26, may not have knocked 'em dead in TV show biz, but he certainly made himself a force in the lightweight division. The January 14 win over Blake at Resorts International in Atlantic city raised his record to 23-0 with 17 knockouts and elevated him to number to nine in RING's International Ratings. He also jumped mightily in earning power, as promoter Bob Arum signed him to a three-fight package for an

estimated $200,000. When asked about the contract, Arroyo said almost sheepishly, "I can't believe anyone would pay me that much money."

For the first time in his 3½-year pro career, Arroyo is being mentioned in the same breath with his former Youngstown, Ohio, amateur stablemate, Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini. In fact, there have even been the first rumblings of a fight between the two boyhood pals. Coincidentally, Mancini successfully defended his title against Bobby Chacon in Reno, Nevada, only hours after a national television audience had watched Arroyo outpoint Blake.

RING RECORD OF HARRY ARROYO

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1980		
Sept. 30	Dale Gordon	Niles, Ohio	KO 4
Oct. 6	Jesse Jackson	Cleveland	KO 1
	1981		
Aug. 15	Tim Murphy	Cincinnati	KO 1
Oct. 21	Kean McGill	Niles, Ohio	W 6
Oct. 29	Leon Gardner	Niles, Ohio	KO 6
Dec. 20	Kenny Payton	Canton, Ohio	KO 1
Dec. 29	Roberto Munoz	Atlantic City	KO 3
	1982		
Jan. 26	Blas DeChamps	Atlantic City	W 6
Mar. 13	Bruce Williams	Atlantic City	KO 5
Mar. 17	Sam Gervin	Niles, Ohio	KO 6
Apr. 17	Greg Young	Erie, Pa.	KO 4
Apr. 28	Bo Moody	Struthers, Ohio	KO 10
May 28	Mike Soldier	Youngstown	KO 2
July 8	Paul Hodges	Youngstown	KO 1
July 24	Kevin Austin	Warren, Ohio	KO 6
Aug. 30	Arnie Wells	Niles, Ohio	W 10
Oct. 30	Joe Manley	Atlantic City	W 10
	1983		
Feb. 12	Kevin Lampkin	Anchorage	W 10
Apr. 3	Roberto Garcia	Phoenix	KO 2
June 15	Thomas Chavez	Los Angeles	KO 9
Oct. 6	Steve Hilliard	Atlantic City	KO 6
Oct. 20	Danny Avery	Atlantic City	KO 9
	1984		
Jan. 14	Robin Blake	Atlantic City	W 10

SUMMARY

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO's
23	23	0	0	17

IF YOU GET THE IDEA THAT ARROYO could use an ego boost, you're right. He says his impressive win over Blake helped raise his confidence.

"That fight made me realize I could succeed as a fighter," he said. "Never, after any of my other fights did I think, 'Wow! Since I beat this guy I must be doing something right.'"

The fact that Arroyo must be doing something right is exhibited in both his amateur and pro records. His 100-15 amateur mark includes victories over Du-Juan Johnson and Bobby Joe Young. He twice reached the Golden Gloves nationals in the 139-pound division. As a pro, he's beated such touted prospects as Bruce Williams (KO 5), Joe Manley (W 10), Steve Hilyard (KO 5) and of course, Blake.

Even in victory, however, his hesitancy and lack of aggressiveness has often robbed his performances of their rightful due respect. Perhaps his biggest weakness in the ring is his tendency to start slowly. A tall (5'10") classic stand-up boxer who patterns himself after his idol, Alexis Arguello, Arroyo would always seem to let his opponent set the pace. Unlike Arguello, Arroyo has often seemed unsure of himself, rather than in control. And, even with all his great skills, Arguello languished for years in obscurity. His style was made for boxing purists, not for the action-hungry Big Eye of television.

Arroyo seemed to be riding the same slow track to success. But now, it seems he's turned himself around with his scintillating performance in the first five rounds against Blake. He rocked "Rockin' Robin" with several lead rights in the first round and had the favored Blake in trouble on the ropes midway through the frame. Arroyo threw his right with such frequency and power that it began to ache in the seventh, when he called on his defensive skills to rescue him. Although Blake began pressing the fight and scoring with his powerful left, Arroyo's clever head movement made him a tough target to find. Also, Arroyo's strategic counterpunching reminded the judges there were still *two* fighters in the ring.

Naturally, even when he had things his way, Arroyo thought there had to be a catch.

"When I hit him with a right I told myself he probably let me hit him," stated Arroyo. "I figured the next time he'd counter and really get me. When I began hitting him again and again I thought, 'This must be for real!' It really built up my confidence."

AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN HIS SLOW development was Arroyo's unimaginative management. He bounced from promoter to promoter like an unwanted orphan while his manager / trainer Eddie Sullivan tried to find the right combination. Sullivan, an experienced amateur trainer but a babe in the professional jungle, had previously lost Mancini to New Yorker David Wolf, whose keen business and connections smoothed Boom Boom's path to a world championship. Arroyo knew how disappointed Sullivan was when he lost Mancini. Kind-hearted to a fault, Arroyo decided to entrust his future to Sullivan, who did get him a few breaks. For example, he received some helpful exposure in Atlantic City early in 1982 on several Don Elbaum cards. He also fought in Anchorage, Alaska, for promoter Jeff Levine on the Hector Camacho-John Montes card. Then he appeared on CBS, decisioning highly-regarded prospect Manley.

But, for every success, there were fights cancelled and promises broken. Arroyo's future never appeared to be bright enough to allow him to quit his full time job as a park security guard and practice his profession the way he wanted.

"I thought about quitting boxing many times," Arroyo recalled. "A few of my fights were cancelled and the bills were piling up. I was afraid I was doing all this work for nothing."

But Harry Arroyo is no quitter. Beneath his mild-mannered exterior is a rock-solid determination. You just don't survive growing up in a 16-child family, sleeping four to a room and going to work at 13 as Arroyo did without being strong. The son of a carpenter, Arroyo learned to exist in one of Youngstown's toughest neighborhoods, where the street corner served as a clubhouse and vandalism was the order of business. Arroyo joined in a few times, but most of his energies were devoted to earning some spending money as a junior high janitor and perfecting his boxing technique. He kept himself on a brutal schedule—working from 5:30-7:30 a.m., going to school, working from 4-6 p.m. and then working out at the gym. After his gym workouts, he was usually too tired to get into any real trouble.

Sparring with Mancini also took a lot of energy. Mancini would play the bull to Arroyo's matador. Their workouts are something Arroyo believes both fighters benefitted from.

"I helped him learn how to slip punches," said Arroyo, "and Mancini how to move because he always kept coming. We never lost our tempers. If one caught the other with a good shot he'd back off."

Because they were from different heritages and environments—Mancini grew up in a middle-class Italian family and Arroyo in a poorer Hispanic-American Indian environment—the two seldom socialized.

As Mancini's boxing star rocketed to star-

dom, Arroyo's remained on the launching pad. Hints of Arroyo feeling ignored and slighted by his former stablemate were becoming evident. However, January 14 and the big wins of Arroyo and Mancini solved all that.

"I see Ray as a personal friend," said Arroyo recently, "and not just an acquaintance in boxing." The two recently exchanged phone numbers, although Arroyo says with a laugh, "Whenever I call I keep getting Ray's answering machine. I just hang up." For the record, Arroyo still answers his own phone.

Arroyo says his friendship with Mancini wouldn't prevent them from meeting in the ring, however.

"Ray's a good friend," he says, "but if the money is right I guess I'd do it. It would be a good matchup—a puncher against a boxer. I don't want to predict an outcome, but it would be a very exciting fight!"

A RUM HAS SAID A MANCINI—ARROYO matchup could happen either later this yar or early in 1985. First, Arroyo knows he must improve in several areas. One is stamina. He tired badly in the last four rounds against Blake, although he did summon his energies for an impressive ninth round. A cold had sapped some of his strength, but he didn't use it as an excuse. He said the tension from being in his biggest fight and a lack of sparring had the most effect.

"The most I sparred before the fight was six rounds. I need to increase that," he said.

Strength and finishing ability are two other items on which Arroyo promises to concentrate on. His power increased when he fought as a junior welterweight during the middle of his career, but he hopes a concentrated Nautilus program will do even more for him and help him finish a hurt opponent, something he failed to do in the first round against Blake.

Right now, however, Arroyo's busy enjoying his new-found success, in both his private life as well as in his professional career. On December 10, several days before he left to train for the Blake fight, he married for the second time. Making the former Elise Weaver his wife was, he joked, "Even more scary than facing Blake." When he is not in training, Arroyo says he intends to spend as much time as possible with his new bride as well as with his four-year-old son, Harry Jr.

Arroyo vows that success won't change him. He says, "I'll drive my 1978 Camaro until it breaks down, and I'll still go to the grocery store and look for the generic stuff." He says that now, but success has a way of changing people.

For Harry Arroyo, boxing's quiet warrior, success is certainly on its way. ■

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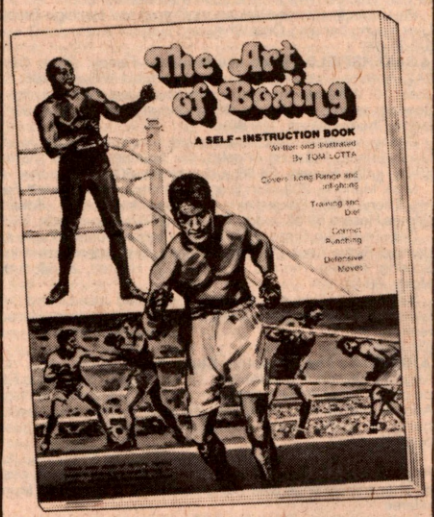

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RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

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NORTH AMERICA

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CALIFORNIA

▲SANTEE-Rollerskateland—Ernie Johnson, 130, San Diego, unanimously outpointed Julio Geraldo, 130, Tecate, Mexico, 10. Geraldo was punched-pushed to the canvas in the eighth.

Mark Mahone, 203, San Diego, knocked out debuting Dave Servais, 215, Pasadena, with a left hook in 0:18 of the second of a scheduled four.

Debuting Hugh Marshall, 148, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed Valdez Hubbard, 152, Los Angeles, four, not losing a round.

Unbeaten Andre Smith, 184, San Diego, kayoed Dough Helton, 185, Las Vegas, in 0:36 of the second in a scheduled four. Helton was floored three times.

Richard Aguirre, 147, San Diego, knocked out Henry Verdugo, 145, Los Angeles, in the first of a scheduled four.

Larry Rozadilla refereed the main event. Frank Rustich handled the prelims.
(02-14-84)

▲LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium—Former WBC bantamweight champion Lupe Pintor, returning to the ring for the first time in nearly 14 months, got a hero's reception from a sellout crowd, then roared to a unanimous decision over tough Ruben Soldrio, 122¾, Los Angeles, 10. The fight with the courageous, well-conditioned Soldrio was just what Pintor, 122, Mexico City, needed after his long layoff. Scoring: referee John Thomas, 98-94; judge Dr. James Jen-Kin, 99-92; judge Larry Rozadilla, 98-93.

Once-beaten Rene Arredondo, 142½, Apatzingan, Mexico, impressively kayoed Cuban southpaw Francisco Roche, 140, Seattle, in 2:52 of the fourth in their scheduled 10. Referee Rozadilla did not bother to count after a wicked left hook downstairs had Roche sinking to the canvas for the second time in the round.

Jorge Ramirez, 123½, Los Angeles, stopped very game J.T. Walker, 124½, Pomona, referee Rozadilla intervening at 0:44 of the 10th and final round with Walker under pressure. Walker decked Ramirez late in the sixth, but Ramirez dominated the rest of the fight.

Ramon Marchena, 130, Ensenada, unanimously outpointed James Sowell, 127¾, Los Angeles, 10. Marchena attacked throughout, flooring Sowell in the seventh. Sowell did not offer much opposition. Scoring: referee Jen-Kin, 99-90; judge Thomas, 99-91; judge Rozadilla, 100-91.

Joe Olivera, 135, Pasadena, kayoed Lorenzo Rodriguez, 132½, Colton, in 2:24 of the second in a scheduled four. Jen-Kin, referee.
(02-16-84)

▲RESEDA—The Country Club—Once-beaten Walter Sims, 135, Los Angeles, TKO'd Enrique Ponce, 135, Houston, referee Vince Delgado stopping the bout at the conclusion of the fourth of a scheduled 10 to save Ponce from taking any more unnecessary punishment. It was Sims' main event debut.

Alfonso Velasquez, 135, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed Jose Luis Correa, 135, Los Angeles, all three officials scoring 59-55.

All three officials agreed that Danny Ortiz, 139¾, Sims, was a 59-55 points winner over Arnold White, 136, San Diego. Despite some booing, the verdict seemed fair, although the scoring could have been closer.

Debuting Akai Hachigo, 134, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed (39-36, 39-36, 38-37) Francisco Estrella, 133, Los Angeles, four.

Juan Garcia, 128, Orange, made it two first round knockout wins in two pro fights when he stopped comebacking Fernando Reyes, 127, San Diego, at 2:30 in a scheduled four.

Pat Connolly refereed Velasquez-Correa and Hachigo-Estrella. Dick Young handled Ortiz-White and Garcia-Reyes.
(02-21-84)

▲BAKERSFIELD—Civic Auditorium—Randy (Tex) Cobb, 242, Abilene, unanimously outpointed Rubin Williams, 196, San Jose, 10. Williams was more intent on survival than on winning. Scoring: referee Lou Moret, 98-92; judge John Thomas, 99-93; judge Chuck Hassett, 100-90.

Danny Venegas, 146, Bakersfield, unanimously outpointed Doug James, 145, Los Angeles, six. Scoring: referee Thomas, 59-56; judge Hassett, 58-56; judge Moret, 60-55.

Mark Mahone, 203, San Diego, unanimously outscored Tommy Tillery, 188, Bakersfield, in a drab six-rounder. Scoring: referee Hassett 59-56; judge Thomas, 58-57; judge Moret, 59-56.

Debuting John Smith, 175, San Bernardino, unanimously outpointed Rickie Lock, 172, Bakersfield, in a well-matched four. Scoring: referee Thomas, 40-36; judge Hassett, 39-37; judge Moret, 39-38.

Sal Lujan, 142, Huntington Beach, stopped Jose Luvera, 140, Bakersfield, in the first round of a scheduled four. Hassett, referee.
(02-22-84)

▲RESEDA—The Country Club—Walter Sims, 132, Los Angeles, kayoed Arnold White, 135, San Diego, referee Lou Filippo counting out White in the second round of a scheduled eight. Another dismal effort by White, who dove to the canvas without being hit solidly. White should not be matched with quality opposition.

Curtis Baker, 140, Las Vegas, halted Sergio Parra, 140, Los Angeles, in 2:46 of the first round in a scheduled six. Parra was in no shape to continue after being floored twice. Armando Muniz, referee.

Unbeaten Jimmy Benjamin, 163, was a near shutout six-round unanimous winner over Jose Luis Cardenas, 160, Los Angeles, confirming a previous points victory. Scoring: referee Muniz, 59-56; judge Eddie Fierro, 60-55; judge Filippo, 60-55. Cardenas was down in the second.

Miguel Rodela, 133, Los Angeles, halted Akai Hachigo, 135, Osaka, referee Muniz intervening at 1:01 of the third in a scheduled four after Hachigo had been down twice. Hachigo was ahead on all three officials' scorecards.
(02-28-84)

▲LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium—Former WBA welterweight champion Pipino Cuevas ended a lay-off of more than a year with a first round knockout over Venezuelan Mauricio Bravo. A sellout crowd of nearly 10,000 greeted Pipino's return.

Cuevas, 150, Mexico City knocked down Bravo, 148, Caracas, 30 seconds into the fight with a left to the head. A series of left hooks finished Bravo as time expired in the round. Vince Delgado, referee.

Combacking Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez, 137, Mexico City, flattened Roberto Collins Lindo, 136½, Puerto Rico, referee Rudy Jordan counting out Lindo at 2:41 of the third in a scheduled 10.

Petchsayarm Petcharern, 149½, Bangkok, stopped Sergio Medina, 148, Guadalajara, referee John Thomas rescuing Medina in the ninth of a scheduled ten. Many were surprised, but Medina, at least 10 pounds overweight, tired badly in the closing rounds.

Tsuyoshi Hamada, 137½, Okinawa, and Jose Resendez, 137, Los Angeles, fought to a no contest, referee Kenny Davis stopping the fight at 2:56 of the sixth in a scheduled eight when Resendez was unable to continue after being hit by numerous low blows. Hamada had won every round.
(03-01-84)

DEAN LOHUIS

▲SAN JOSE—Civic Auditorium—Glen Corbus had hoped to fight for the state welterweight title, but defending champion Tim Harris spoiled his plan, coming in overweight and having his title stripped by the Athletic Commission. Later, Glen Corbus took sweet revenge, knocking out the more experienced Harris in 1:09 of the third after giving him a solid beating.

Corbus, just 20 years old, was the hometown hero to perfection. He tore into Harris with both hands, constantly pressuring him, and quickly taking him apart. Harris was given a standing-eight count by referee Vern Bybee early in the third. Within seconds, Harris was nearly defenseless against Corbus' attack and the fight was stopped.

Harris, 149½, Stockton, never looked worse. Not once did he land a clean punch and, after catching a few good shots, Harris had the footwork of a glacier. Added to his day's misfortune, Harris had his purse cut from $3,500 to $2,000 for his failure to live up to the contract.

His record now 13-1, Corbus, 146, San Jose, is just one win away from becoming the premier attraction in the area. The gate figures were impressive—attendance 2155, a gross of $24,581—in a card promoted by Joe Gagliardi of J & J Sports.

The state welterweight title now declared vacant, Corbus will probably be featured in an elimination bout for the crown before his hometown fans. Boxing is prospering in San Jose.

In a scheduled 10-rounder, Flavio Pando, 141, San Jose, won a split decision over tough Miguel Juarez, 141, Los Angeles. Neither fighter was concerned about defense, and though it was a hairline verdict, Pando earned the win.

Promising newcomer Mitchel Julien won a wide 10-round unanimous decision over Pete Velasquez, 138, from Los Angeles. Julien, in his first year as a pro, has now gone 8-0. Julien, 140, Palo Alto, was out of breath at the close, but may soon reach main-event status.

In a six-rounder, Ramzi Hasan, San Jose, 174, won a unanimous decision over Larry Musgrove, 172, Los Angeles.

Finally, in a four-rounder, Frankie Moore, 146, San Jose, knocked out Hugh Marshall, 143, Los Angeles, at 2:26 of the second.

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FLORIDA

▲MIAMI—Jai-Alai Fronton—Three 10-rounders headlined.

Ivan Montalvo, 140½, Puerto Rico, won a split decision over popular Danny Sanchez, 142, Puerto Rico. Sanchez was down in the third. Montalvo is now 21-2-2. Sanchez is 17-3. Eddie Eckart, referee.

Juan Nazario, 132½, Puerto Rico, stopped Eduardo Prieto, 133, Chile, on a cut eye at the end of seven. Bill Conners, referee. Nazario is now 12-0. Prieto suffered his second loss in 37 bouts.

Jan Ordenes, 127, Chile, halted Ruben Herosme, 127½, Dominican Republic, at 1:50 of the fifth round. Bernie Soto, referee.

Jose Quinones, 161½, Puerto Rico, won a unanimous decision over John Burney, 164, Miami, six.

Jackie Fisher, 134, Ft. Lauderdale, made his pro debut by outpointing Miguel Cardentey, 131, Cuba, four.

Judges—Richard Beys, Larry Perlman, Al Wilensky.
Tuto Enterprises, Inc.
Promoter—Felix Zabala.
Matchmaker—Lou Barsky.
Attendance—1,650.
(02-03-84)

▲MIAMI—Jai-Alai Fronton—Martin Rojas, 141, Colombia, floored Montalbo, 140, Puerto Rico, and stopped him at 1:32 of the second in a scheduled 10-rounder.

Pedro Arroyo, 119, Miami, won a unanimous decision over Javier Gonzalez, 123, Miami, eight.

Joe Rivera, 131, Puerto Rico, knocked out David de la Rosa, also 131, Mexico, in 1:35 of the sixth and final round.

David Reyes, 111, Miami, kayoed Santiago Hermida, 112, Miami, in 2:25 of the first round in their scheduled six.

Alfredo Dalgado, 168, Miami, TKO'd Tom Doughtey, 160, Miami, at 0:50 of the second in the opening four-rounder.
Tuto Enterprises.
Promoter—Felix Zabala.
Matchmaker—Lou Barsky.
Attendance—850.
(02-17-84)

▲MIAMI—Jai-Alai Fronton—Leroy Hester, 163, Miami, floored Ronnie Robinson, also 163, Miami, three times in the third round for an automatic TKO at 1:45. Bernie Soto, referee. The scheduled 10-rounder raised Hester's record to 14-3. He recently kayoed Wilford Scypion.

Juvenal Ordonez, 128, Chile, TKO'd Edwin Salgado, 127, Puerto Rico, at 2:43 of the seventh in their scheduled 10-rounder. Eddie Eckert, referee. Ordonez is now 29-1.

Cardenio Ulloa, 118, Chile, knocked out Julio Osorio, also 118, Puerto Rico, with a right in 0:29 of the fifth session in their scheduled 10-rounder. Bill Conners, referee.

Raul Hernandez, 153, Miami, won an upset split duke over popular Larry Byrd, 151, Miami, six.

Juan Cruces, 144, Chile, TKO'd Bill Cunningham, 148, Miami, at 1:18 of the fourth round in their scheduled six. Bill Yohann, referee.

Mike Cruz, 128, Puerto Rico, kayoed Morro Crowney, 130, Spartanburg, S.C., in 2:44 of the second with a right hand to the chin. Cruz is now 9-0.
Tuto Enterprises.
Promoter—Felix Zabala.
Matchmaker—Lou Barsky.
Attendance—900.
(02-24-84)

▲HIAHEAH—Milander Auditorium—Steve Whetstone, 114½, Homestead, coming off a five-month lay-off, stopped Mike Haywood, 115, Savannah, Georgia, at 1:49 of the first round in a scheduled eight.

Carlos Albuerne, 130, Miami, TKO'd Rocky Garrett, 133, Savannah, at 2:22 of the fourth round in their scheduled eight.

Tony Hernandez, 129, Miami, TKO'd Steve Guess, 131, Miami, at 1:31 of the second round in a scheduled four.

Vince Mays, 157, Miami, TKO'd George Kaufman, 164, Miami, at 1:39 of the third. Kaufman, a policeman, was knocked down three times.

Charles Boston, 151, Miami, knocked out Mark DeLucca, 161, in 0:36 of the second round in another scheduled four.

Tony Ortiz, 135, Miami, walked out, threw one punch, and kayoed Bill Garcia, 134, Miami. The time of the knockout was 0:18—including the count.
Referees—Eddie Eckert, Bill Conners.
Promoter—Julio Martinez.
Attendance—850.
(03-01-84)

▲MIAMI—James L. Knight Convention Center—Juan Arroyo, 138½, Miami, won a unanimous decision over Arthur Clarke, 140¼, Bahamas, 10. Arroyo was bothered by a jammed left thumb from round two onwards. He's now 21-1-1. Bill Conners, referee.
Adolfo Medel, 137, Sunrise, TKO'd Fernando Martinez, 136½, Miami, at 2:40 of the eighth round in their scheduled 10. Eddie Eckert, referee. Medel is now 18-1 with 12 knockouts.
Jose Ribalta, 220, Miami, won a unanimous decision over Jimmy Jones, 219¼, Miami, eight. Ribalta is now 16-1 with 11 kayoes. Bernie Soto, referee.
Carlos Hernandez, 222, Union City, N.J., TKO'd Andy Russell, 200, Bahamas, at 1:10 of the fourth session in their scheduled eight. Billy Yohan, referee.
Scott Wheaton, 189½, Miami, kayoed hapless Drew Andrews, 183, Homestead, in 0:58 of the second in a scheduled six-rounder. Bernie Soto, referee.
Sonny Jones, 158, Coconut Grove, kayoed Ken Darron, 168, Hollywood, in 2:38 of the fourth and final inning in the opener.
Top Rank, Inc.
Local Promoter—Walter Alvarez.
Attendance—1,200.
ESPN.
(03-08-84)

▲MIAMI—Jai Alai Fronton—World ranked Sugar Baby Rojas, 114, Colombia, TKO'd Rudy Crawford, 112, nicaragua, who couldn't come out for the sixth round of their scheduled 10. Rojas is now 20-0.
Dexter Smith, 150, Homestead, won a unanimous decision over Willie McGee, 148, Miami, 10. Smith was dropped by a left hook in round two.
Rogelio Bolanos, 171, Miami, kayoed Jimmy Smith, 172, Miami in 1:48 of the second in a scheduled eight-rounder.
Pepo Quinones, 162, Cuba, TKO'd Leroy Moore, also 162, Miami, at 1:26 of the first round in a scheduled six.
Referees—Bernie Soto, Eddie Eckert, Bill Conners.
Promoter—Felix Zabala.
Matchmaker—Lou Barsky.
Attendance—1,100.
(03-13-84)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

INDIANA

▲INDIANAPOLIS—Sherwood—A SRO crowd saw a very good club show at this southside club.
Ken Snider, 145 3/4, Decker, Indiana, TKO'd Billy Doyle, 146, Omaham, Nebraska, at 1:00 of the third round. The 37-year-old Snider is now 3-0 in the pro ranks.
Gary Gamble, 139, Indianapolis, won a split decision over previously undefeated Rudy Fuentes, 140, Milwaukee, six.
Tony Taylor, 149 1/2, Muncie, Indiana, won a split nod over Jerry Rosenberg, 141 1/2, Indianapolis, four.
Johnny McIntosh, 125 1/2, Muncie, stopped Vance McIntosh, 124, Hope, Indiana, at 1:08 of the second. This was Vance's pro debut.
Eddie Contreras, 140 1/2, Indianapolis, halted Charles Vogel, 142, Champaign, Illinois, at 2:23 of round two.
Paul Graham, 139 3/4, Gary, Indiana, won a split decision over Jeff Bumpus, 135, Elkhart, Indiana, four.
James Anthony, 221, Indianapolis, TKO'd Mark Wickliff, 218, Indianapolis, at 1:23 of round three.
Promoter—Fred Berns.
Matchmaker—Peter Susens.
Attendance—600 (est.). Gross—$6,000 (est.).
(02-23-84)

GARY L. MERRITT

NEW JERSEY

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int'l—Curtis Parker rebounded well from his devastation at the hands of John Mugabi, serving notice that he's not finished yet. That's probably what Emanuel Steward, manager of undefeated young hopeful Donald Bowers, thought, and Steward's not one to let any grass grow under his fighters' feet. But Donald, at 15-0-1, was no way ready for Parker, and it was a mismatch. All he showed was trememdous heart, standing up to a relentless pounding and never giving up, boring in and taking the fight to Curtis. But Parker, 159, Phila., was always right there with short, jolting counters, over and under. Bowers, 158¾, Jackson, Tenn., was rocked repeatedly, had his nose bleeding badly from the fifth on, and was nearly out of there in the tenth and final round. It was the kind of beating that can ruin a young fighter's career, and Steward should be chastised for it. Meanwhile, don't write off Curtis, who looked very much alive despite the beating he took from Mugabi. The scores told the story: Lawrence Wallace 9-1, Carol Castellano 8-1-1, and William Kostrub 8-2. Zack Clayton refereed.
Phil Brown, 207½, Albany, needed a mini-rally in the eighth and last round to nip Tommie Stevenson, 205, Indianapolis, by majority decision in a dreadful bore. Brown, recently moved from New Orleans and hooked up with Willie Dabbs and "Cha Cha" Ciarcia, hadn't fought in over a year, and showed it. Stevenson, tough but no ball of fire, seemed awestruck in the early rounds, but then took command before Brown revived a bit in the eighth to gain the hotly-booed verdict. Clayton refereed.
Monte Oswald, 165½, Bay City, Mich., came out blazing against Mike Pucciarelli, 166, Pittsburgh, in a scheduled eight. The first punches of the fight, a beautiful combination left hook to the ribs, then double hook to the chin, sent Mike reeling into a corner, where Oswald took him apart with accurate punching until ref Tony Orlando stopped it at only 0:29 of the first.
Jeffrey Hill, 169, Phila., started strong against Keith Vining, 175¼, Detroit, dropping him the the third, but then stopped fighting. Yet Hill managed a close, unanimous win, the extra point on the knockdown being the only thing preventing a draw, six. Ref Orlando.
Joel "Dynamo" Hum, 188½, Erie, a Joe Piscopo lookalike, TKO'd Tim Miller, 199, Ashland, KY, at 1:06 of the second of four. The outclassed Miller looked like a tyro, despite claiming an extensive amateur record. Ref Orlando.
Derek Ennis, 160¼, Phila., TKO'd Billy Joe, 159½, Albany, at 1:41 of the second, scheduled four. Joe was down twice and didn't want to go on.
Ref Clayton.
Promoter—Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.).
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—1150 (est.).
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(01-27-84)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—Tommy Ayers' bout with "Kid Dynamita" Morales fell out, little-known Bobby Graddy, 147½, Wrightsville, GA, via Savannah, subbing against Ayers. Southpaw Graddy, 147½, came to fight, with a walk-in, brawling style. But he was no match for Cincinnati's Ayers, 147, who coolly took target practice, dropping Graddy in the fourth. When Bobby took a lathering in the fifth, it was evident the knockout was coming, so they might as well have stopped it and saved him the punishment. That came a round later, when Graddy walked into a sharp right counter and went down again, ref Rudy Battle stopping the scheduled 10 and 2:52 of the sixth. "Six more fights, he'll beat Leonard," chirped Don Elbaum about Ayers.
Prospect Juan Ramon Santana, 149½, Camden, continued his string of impressive wins, demolishing Marvin "Kid Harlem" Jenkins, 151, Harlem, in a scheduled eight. In furious action, Jenkins was dropped in the fourth and fifth, taking a battering, and failed to come out for the sixth. Ted Pick refereed.
Henry Brent, 111¾, Bklyn., scored a fine win over Luis Gonzalez, 109½, Bronx, knocking him cold at 1:01 of the sixth and final round. Brent was down briefly in the third, but regained control and finally starched Gonzalez with a perfect right counter. Ref Battle.
"Jocko" King, 130¼, Phila., hammered Jose "Cheo" Ortiz, 127¼, Bklyn., until ref Pick finally stopped the lacing at 2:41 of the sixth and last round.
Angel Sindo, 151½, Camden, got a good fight from Demetre Gillison, 153¾, E. Orange, but punched too hard and gained the unanimous decision, four. Ref Battle.
Jeff Fields, 162½, Laurel, MD, beat Kirby Martin, 160½, Phila., by unanimous decision in a bruising four. Ref Pick.
Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—900 (est.).
Judges—Eva Shain, Frank Cairo, Richard F. Murray.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derain.
(01-31-84)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—Two young prospects trying to rebound from dismal losses each had something to prove, as Easton's Bobby Johnson and A.C.'s Joe Manley, both 137¾, met head-on in a scheduled 10. Johnson was criticized for running in his loss to Melvin Paul, while Manley simply looked like his mind was elsewhere when he was drubbed by Gene Hatcher. Bobby vowed to be aggressive, while it was up to Joe to look lively. It was the latter who won the strategy battle. Johnson's new-found aggressiveness won him the first two rounds in bristling action. But in the third, Bobby suddenly walked into a perfect left hook counter that sent him corkscrewing into a corner, where ref Frank Capuccino rightfully halted it at 0:55. "I couldn't believe it," exclaimed the rejuvenated Manley. "I was so happy. I said to myself, 'I'm gonna hit him.' I knew I had to hit him comin' in, sooner or later. I loved it!"
Brett Lally, 145¾, Westland, Mich., wouldn't stop trying, and edged sharper boxer Roberto "Sugar" Mendez, 146½, Phila., by narrow, split decision, six. Randy Neumann refereed.
Southpaw Bertram Buchanan, 156½, Bklyn., took the measure of brother Bradd Lally, 163¼, Westland, by unanimous call, four. Ref Neumann.
Edward "Watusi" DeJesus, 131¼, Camden, was floored by a booming right uppercut in the first, but regrouped well to knock out Emilio Diaz, 132¼, Havana via Miami, at 2:41 of the third, scheduled six. Ref Cappuccino.
Two promising youngsters met in a scheduled four, with Harold "The Shadow" Knight, 127¾, Plainfield, destroying Larry Highsmith, 128¾, Trenton, by a one-knockdown TKO at 1:40 of the first. Ref Neumann.
Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—SRO, 1400 (est.).
Judges—Wm. Kostrub, Al DeVito, Milo Savage.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derain.
(02-07-84)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—Perhaps Mario Malonado is destined to be just a talented also-ran. He had Tony Ayala on the floor, but couldn't keep him there. He had Murray Sutherland beat, but faded in the stretch, and with a little "help" from the judges, let it slip away. Then, after mounting a win streak, he was given a solid shot this night, against Francisco DeJesus, of Sao Paulo, Brazil. The unbeaten Brazilian, 156, in this country to chase Thomas Hearns, got the call against localite Maldonado, 155¾, Vineland, in order to satisfy Latin-American cable TV. He made the most of it. A smooth switch hitter with a classic, standup style, DeJesus appeared to lack the physical strength to hold Mario off. Maldonado attacked strongly in the early rounds, and punished the visitor when he could trap him along the ropes. But the slick defense of DeJesus had Mario missing, and by the fifth round, he was beginning to tire. From then on, Francisco took over, and gave the Puerto Rican a boxing lesson with a fine display of ring artistry. Mario played the bull to Francisco's matador and kept it interesting, not formally losing it on the officials' card until the final round.
A reporter got a peek at judge Ron Burns' scorecard (5-4-1 Maldonado), so that when the decision was erroneously announced as "unanimous," it sent a wave of terror through the press row. However, it was all a happy mistake, as Zack Clayton (7-3) and Al DeVito (5-4-1) correctly awarded the split verdict to DeJesus. For all the carping that goes on about Jersey decisions, when was the last time a fighter from the U.S. won in South America? Joe Cortez refereed.
It could be that Maldonado, ironically nicknamed "The Bronze Adonis", may suffer a fatal flaw, like a character in a Greek tragedy. While frivolous training is usually blamed for his lack of stamina, it wasn't this time. After all, one doesn't get a nickname like "Adonis" by being out of shape. Rather, like a lot of fighters with body-builder physiques, the tendency to tire might be built-in. True, he went ten tough rounds in recent wars with "Buster" Drayton and Mardo Roybal, but they were right there to be hit. With a clever boxer like DeJesus making him miss, it was a whole different story, one with an unhappy ending.
"Jocko" King, 129, Phila., finished strong to edge out a split decision over David Capo, 123¾, NYC, six. Rudy Battle refereed.
Mike Martinez, 157½, Bklyn., clubbed out a unanimous win over Lewis Jones, 160¼, Akron, six. Ref Battle.
Steve Little, 140½, Phila., was too much for Donald Gwinn, 143, formerly Charleston, WV, now Phila. Gwinn was down, then quit, for a TKO loss at 1:11 of the third, scheduled six. Ref Cortez.
Kimbrady Carriker, 160½, Darby, PA, pummelled Dave Myers, 155¼, Akron, on the ropes until ref Battle stopped it at 0:35 of the third, scheduled four.
Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum & Ted Menas.
Attendance—SRO, 1500 (est.).
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derain.
(02-21-84)

ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel & Casino—Alex Ramos, 159¼, formerly Bronx, now Scottsdale, Ariz., kept active with a one-punch knockout of Wilbur Henderson, 158¼, Hartford, at 2:25 of the third of a scheduled 10. It was just a sparring session until Ramos stepped in with one thudding left hook that left Henderson writhing in pain on the canvas. Wilbur had to undergo subsequent surgery on his right eye. Rudy Battle refereed.
John Martiri, 152, a Brooklyn street tough who acts like he's seen one too many John Travolta movies, scored a repeat win over Tony Corrado, 152½, Wappingers Falls, NY, by majority decision in an exciting six. Zack Clayton refereed.
Billy Saunders, 180¼, Vineland, was awarded a controversial majority decision over John Tyrell, 175¾, Glens Falls, NY, in a rousing six. Billy's always in a toughie to score, being easy to hit, but hard to tag solid, and throwing lots of punches, but with nothing on them. Tyrell had him hurt in the third and fifth, and hanging on at the end, yet Saunders kept his hands moving enough to hypnotize the judges. Ref Battle.
Promising Reggie Boyer, 153, Phila., was too much for game but outclassed Kevin Daigle, 150¾, Granville, NY, ref Battle stopping the scheduled six at 2:33 of the second.
Kevin Watts, 159, Pleasantville, NJ, TKO'd nothing much in Russell Hart, 157¼, NYC, with one knockdown at 2:41 of the first, scheduled four. Ref Zack.

UNITED STATES RATINGS

(as of March 29, 1984)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Pinklon Thomas (Pennsylvania)
2. Greg Page (Kentucky)
3. Mike Weaver (California)
4. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
5. John Tate (Tennessee)
6. David Bey (Pennsylvania)
7. Randall (Tex) Cobb (Texas)
8. James Broad (New Jersey)
9. Tony Tubbs (Ohio)
10. Mitch Green (New York)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Dwight Qawi (New Jersey)
2. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (New Jersey)
3. Eddie Davis (New York)
4. Willie Edwards (Michigan)
5. John Davis (New York)
6. Marvin Johnson (Indiana)
7. Oscar Rivadeneyra (New Jersey)
8. Pete McIntyre (California)
9. Richie Kates (New Jersey)
10. Charles Singleton (Pennsylvania)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. James Kinchen (California)
2. James Shuler (Pennsylvania)
3. Dwight Davison (Michigan)
4. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
5. Don Lee (Indiana)
6. Frank Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
7. Murray Sutherland (Michigan)
8. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
9. Mark Holmes (Pennsylvania)
10. Alex Ramos (New York)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Mike McCallum (New York)
2. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
3. David Braxton (Michigan)
4. Fred Hutchings (California)
5. James Green (New Jersey)
6. Earl Hargrove (Pennsylvania)
7. Davey Moore (New York)
8. Sean Mannion (Massachusetts)
9. Mario Maldonado (New Jersey)
10. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)

WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
2. Simon Brown (Washington, D.C.)
3. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
4. Maurice Blocker (Washington, D.C.)
5. Milton Guest (New York)
6. Robert Rucker (New York)
7. Pedro Vilella (New York)
8. Roger Stafford (Pennsylvania)
9. Lupe Aquino (California)
10. Jerome Kinney (Michigan)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Ronnie Shields (Texas)
2. Leroy Haley (Nevada)
3. Saoul Mamby (New York)
4. Bruce Curry (Texas)
5. Gene Hatcher (Texas)
6. Gary Hinton (Pennsylvania)
7. Reyes Cruz (New Jersey)
8. Steve Hearon (Texas)
9. Freddie Reyes (Pennsylvanai)
10. Jerome Kinney (Michigan)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Tyrone Crawley (Pennsylvania)
2. Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
3. Livingstone Bramble (New Jersey)
4. Harry Arroyo (Ohio)
5. Alvin Hayes (Michigan)
6. Robin Blake (Texas)
7. Charlie Brown (New Jersey)
8. Charlie Brown (Pennsylvania)
9. Ken Bogner (New Jersey)
10. Jimmy Paul (Michigan)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Roger Mayweather (Nevada)
2. Bobby Chacon (California)
3. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
4. Refugio Rojas (California)
5. Rolando Navarrete (Hawaii)
6. Irving Mitchell (California)
7. Kelvin Lampkin (California)
8. Guy Villegas (Oregon)
9. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
10. Tony Santana (New York)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Wilfredo Gomez (Puerto Rico)
2. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
3. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
4. Jose Caba (California)
5. Jackie Beard (Michigan)
6. Johnny de la Rosa (Florida)
7. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
8. Gerald Hayes (New Jersey)
9. Ruben Castillo (California)
10. Steve Cruz (Texas)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Mike Ayala (New York)
2. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
3. Oscar Muniz (California)
4. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
5. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
6. Vince Christian (Pennsylvania)
7. Lenny Valdez (Nevada)
8. Pascual Aranda (Texas)
9. Jose Parilla (Puerto Rico)
10. Carmelo Negron (New York)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
1. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
2. Oscar Muniz (California)
3. Richard Sandoval (California)
4. Harold Petty (Texas)
5. Freddie Jackson (Texas)
6. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
7. James Pipps (Texas)
8. James Manning (Oregon)
9. Hurley Sneed (Michigan)
10. George Garcia (California)

FLYWEIGHTS
1. Joey Olivo (California)
2. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
3. Mario Savala (California)
4. Willie Jensen (Nevada)
5. Alonso Gonzales (California)
6. Orlando Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
7. Henry Brent (New York)
8. Cipriano Arreola (California)
9. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
10. Armando Laredo (Texas)

(American fighters holding world titles are not listed in the U.S. ratings)

Rasheed Ali, 140¾, Bklyn., beat Joey Whitfield, 139¾, Phila., by unanimous decision, four. Ref Zack.
Promoter/matchmaker—Dan Duva (Main Events).
Attendance—350 (est.)
Judges—Harold Lederman, Lawrence Wallace, Frank Brunette.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derain.
(02-08-84)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—Darryl Tyson, 136¼, Wash., DC, scored a lopsided unanimous decision over veteran club fighter Carlos Santana, also 136¼, a former Carolinian now based in Detroit, 10. Tyson swarmed all over Santana, who was tricky enough to survive, but couldn't mount a serious offense. Carlos appeared hurt several times, but was more often "playing 'possum", trying to put over a sucker counterpunch that never came. Tony Perez refereed. Santana vowed before the fight to quit if he lost. "I didn't get into this game to get punch drunk . . . I want to have kids, and I don't want to slobber on them. I got a life ahead of me." It remains to be seen if he'll keep his promise.

Young hopeful Jesse Ferguson, 210¾, Phila., gave a pasting to Mike Perkins, 209 Hallandale, Fla., via Bronx, by unanimous decision, six. Perkins is one who should heed Santana's advice. Tony Orlando refereed.

Miguel Matos, 132, Santo Domingo via Bronx, and Vincent Abraham, 130¼, Cleveland, brought the house down, with Matos gaining a close, split decision, four. Abraham was down in the first and third, but fought back strong in between, and blackened both Miguel's eyes and had him hanging on at the end. Perez refereed.

Tony Coleman, 128, Trenton, dropped Danny Melendez, 127¼, Portland, ME, with one overhand right to score a TKO at just 0:45 of the first, scheduled four. Orlando refereed.

Carlos Garcia, 129¾, Hoboken, had Terry Coney, 129¼, Paulsboro, NJ, in trouble and badly cut when ref Orlando rescued him at 2:35 of the first, scheduled four.
Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—1000 (est.).
Judges—John Stewart, Richard F. Murry, Duane Bobick.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derain.
(02-14-84)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino—A mild departure from the usual big-time fare here saw the presentation of an off-TV, club-style show. Unfortunately, the main event was spoiled when Terry Whittaker pulled out against Frank Montgomery. Late sub Jerome Artis, 140½, Phila., merely boxed his way through to pick up a paycheck on his way to his next overseas venture. Montgomery, 141, Phila., a methodical fighter who needs pressure to look good, didn't get it from Jerome, and settled for a unanimous win in a dull 10. The scores told the story: William Kostrub and John Stewart 9-1, Milo Savage 8-1-1. Zack Clayton refereed.

Victor Flores, 133½, formerly Chicago, now Phila., overwhelmed Mike Golden, 135½, Phila. with a busy inside attack to take a lopsided unanimous win, eight. Ref Zack.

Juan Marquez, 139, Warminster, PA, had to face a live opponent in Emmett Decker, 139¼, NYC, after several easy wins. Juan couldn't deal with Decker's height and reach, and was TKO'd, not out for the fifth of six. Randy Neumann refereed.

Jesse Goodmond, 161¾, Phila., scored a unanimous decision over David Barrow, 157¾, Phila., in a wild six. Ref Zack.

Dom Parris, 158¼, Phila., scored a majority decision over Jim Barham, 164½, Phila., four. Ref Neumann.

"Lightning" Bob Smith, 173¼, Phila., started slow in his debut, then loosened up to stop a tiring Jack Johnson, 174¼, Wash., DC, when ref Neumann gave Jack a bit of a quick thumb at 2:39 of the third, scheduled four.
Promoter—Joe Hand, Peltz Boxing.
Matchmaker—J. Russell Peltz.
Attendance—250 (est.)
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Gus DeStefano.
(02-15-84)

J.R. JOWETT

▲NO. BERGEN—Schutezen Park—This was an eight-bout card, topped by an eight round main-event. Victor (Flash) Gordon, 144½, Hillside, N.J. knocked out Manuel Toribio, 144¼, Union City, N.J. at 2:11 of the second round. A right to the body floored Manuel for the full count. Gordon raised his record to 12-2, 11 via KO.

Gil Rosario, 158½, Hoboken, N.J. took home a six-round majority decision over Ed Tyler, 158½, N.Y.C. This was a good action bout with the pressure of Rosario edging the boxing of Tyler.

Six bouts scheduled for four rounds completed the card. Greg Wilson, 151, Jersey City, won a majority decision over Cesar Suero, 150, Union City. Mark Farley, 137¾, Jersey City won unanimously over a game Ed Robinson, 140, Paterson, N.J. Robinson is yet to win in five bouts while Farley was turning pro.

Two Bayonne white boy favorites got soft touches. Pat Cutaneo, 145½, KO'd Tony Prince at 2:08 of the first. Prince, a southpaw who weighed 143 and was billed out of Paterson, was floored twice. The local hero Pat, went to 2-0, while Prince was turning pro.

The other nearby Bayonne ticket seller was Harry Toro. The 135-lb. Toro KO'd Angelo "Killer" Lewis, 136, Paterson, at 1:58 of round one. Toro was off-balance and dropped by a jab and then Lewis visited the canvas twice himself. It was the pro debut for both.

Frank Dupree, 187, Jersey City, stopped debuting Keeshawn Barnes, 198, Newark, N.J., at 2:25 of the second round. Barnes started fast but ran out of gas oh so quickly.

A trophy was presented to Richard Burton for being named "Fighter Of The Night." Burton, 160, N.Y.C. scored a knockout over Calvin Taylor (yes, Burton beat up Taylor) 161, Paterson. The end came at 1:56 of round two. Even though it was the pro debut for both, these two were evenly matched and talented. The edge went to the big right hand of Burton, who dropped Taylor with it in both the first and second round. Burton is a former two time New York Golden Gloves champion.

Referees—Vinnie Rainone worked the Gordon, Wilson, Cutaneo, and Burton wins. Paul Venti handled the Rosario, Farley, Toro, and Dupree wins.
Judges—Eva Shain, Charlie Spina, Al DeVito.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucchianico
Promoter—Gold Medal Promotions.
Ring Announcer—Dennis Miller.
Ticket Prices—$12.00, 15.00 and 20.00
Attendance—875.
(02-15-84)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel-Casino—Philadelphia Kevin Howard took this bout because (1) He didn't want to go eight months without a fight and then have to try and box you know who. (2) Mike Rossman pulled out of the originally scheduled main bout (against Roddy McDonald) and so Peltz—who promotes both—took a calculated risk and put Kevin in for $10,000.—"just to pay the rent."

Howard looked like he wanted to end it early. After all, a six figure payday with Leonard was at stake. A cut here, a broken nose there or perhaps—God forbid—even a loss, would have certainly put the opportunity of a life time in jeopardy.

At least Howard—at 154¾, was deep in training. His opponent, Bill Bradley, 159¾, got just six days notice. Howard had little trouble with the Indianapolis "Fireball." Even though Howard was a loser in two of his last three bouts, he was facing a man who had dropped three straight 10-round decisions.

Kevin played the part of the pitcher and Bradley the catcher until he caught a thumb and backed into a corner. During the retreat, he complained to referee Rudy Battle about his problem. Bill was under the false impression that the ref would halt the action to check out his grievance. Battle did stop the fight, and it was all over at 2:24 of round six.

The Ring gave every round to Howard while the three officials had it 4-1 all giving Bill round four. Bradley did land some decent right hands but he had no where near the timing or moves of Howard.

Said Howard afterward, "He showed no respect for me. I like that. He came here (to Howard's backyard) to fight." Kevin was asked what, if Leonard saw this fight (it was broadcast on various cable outlets), he would Ray be saying to himself. Answered Kevin, "The boy is getting tougher." With the win, Howard raised his record to 20-4-1, 11 by K.O., while Bradley was slipping to 20-6, 13 KO's.

Reggie Gross, 179¾, Baltimore, got a third round win over Marcus Jackson, 175¾, Hartford. Jackson was not allowed to come out for round four due mainly to a severe cut (received in the first round) on the corner of his right eye. Reggie put Jackson down in round two but the now 14-0 Gross looked to be laboring against an obviously ill-prepared foe.

Troy (brother of Frank and Anthony) Fletcher, 117½, Philadelphia, moved up to an eight for the first time and took home a majority win over James Tolliver, 116¾, Cleveland. The switch-hitting Troy closed fast against the ever alert Tolliver. Scores were: Richard F. Murray, 6-2; Tony Castellano, 4-3-1, Eva Shain, 4-4. Troy moved to 6-0-1 with 2 knockouts.

In a four-rounder, both boxers were turning pro. Vincent Pitway, 138½, Baltimore, was just too much for Ali Saad Muhammad, 141, Phila. The southpaw was never down but was rescued by ref Battle at 2:17 of the third.

Vaughn (Turtle) Hooks, 173½, Phila., got a split six over Jeron Hayes, 174¼, Phila., got a split six over Jeron Hayes, 174¼, Lindenwold, N.J. Hooks was dropped (more from being off balance) in round two. Scores: Shain and Castellano, 5-1; Hooks. Murry, 3-2-1, Hayes. Hooks goes to 4-0 with one knockout.

Kelvin Kelly, 181, Phila., went to 7-0 (only one kayo) with a rather rough-and-tumble unanimous call over Tim Eaton, 180½, Camden, S.C. Murry saw it 6-0, Castellano, 3-2-1, and Shain, 4-2.
Referees—Rudy Battle also worked the Kelly-Eaton bout. Joe O'Neil handled the Fletcher, Gross, and Hooks wins.
Promoter—J. Russell Peltz and Momentum Enterprises.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson
Announcer—Ed Derain.
(02-27-84)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel-Casino—Philadelphia featherweight Myron Taylor, 125¾ proved physically too strong for Kelvin Seabrooks, 122¾, Charlotte, N.C.. Under ideal conditions, Kelvin should be boxing guys between 118 and 122. It's a tough business if you want to make a buck and your a blown-up bantam from the Carolinas.

Both boxers took this bout on one week's notice and, for Taylor, it was a warm-up for a summer rematch with Richard Savage. Myron dropped Kelvin in the first round with a left hook and it looked like a very early evening. Seabrooks managed to survive—Taylor is not a devasting puncher—but dropped a lopsided unanimous decision.

Taylor just bulled Seabrooks around the ring after the knockdown. Kelvin was slick but possessed little power to offset the stronger Taylor. Seabrooks said that Taylor "used the weight real well," but that that was it for him fighting bigger man. "I can't afford to lose fights this way. I'll beat bantamweights," added Kelvin.

The scores were: William Kostrub, 10-0; Ray Hoagland, 9-1;

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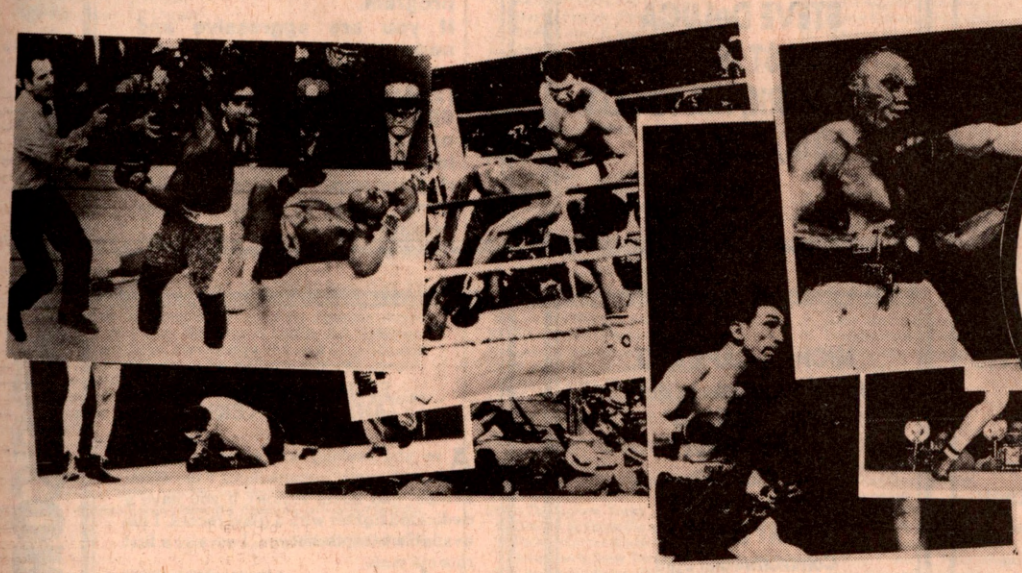

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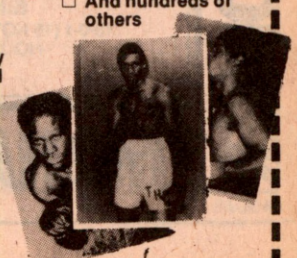

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Frank Cairo, 8-1-1—same as *The Ring*. With the win, Taylor went to 17-2-1,9 kayoes and Seabrooks dropped to 13-6, 10 via K.O.

David Savage, 156½, Phila., and Thomas "Pinky" Gordon, 160¼, Wilmington, Dela., fought to a six-round draw. The scores were: 4-2 (Savage) and two at 3-3.

Marshall Brandon 159, Youngstown, Ohio, stopped Carl Jordon, 156¾, Pittsburgh, Pa. at 2:40 of round two. Jordon was down in round two from a right hand. He got up at six but, within 10 seconds, the ref stopped it.

Mark Frazier (nephew of Joe), 162, Philadelphia, Pa., got another softie when he disposed of Ali-Malik McLaurin, 165¾, Newark, N.J. at 1:29 of round two. McLaurin tried somewhat in round one but was dropped in the next session. He got up at eight and Frazier backed off but later pinned McLaurin in a corner where the ref stopped it. Frazier went to 6-0, all via the stoppage route.

Referee—Joe Cortez handled the main-event and the Frazier win. Randy Neumann was in charge of the Savage-Gordon draw and the Brandon win.

Promoter—Elbaum and Menas.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson
Ring Announcer—Ed Derain
(03-06-84)

▲**ATLANTIC CITY—Playboy Hotel-Casino**—In a disgrace of an eight-round main event, Roger Stafford, 150¾, Philadelphia, (now 24-4, 10 kayoed) put away pathetic Randy Davis, 147¼, Savanah, Ga., at 2:34 of the first. Stafford himself had been stopped in one by Donald Curry in his last fight. This one, however, was no championship bout; it was a big piece of nothing.

The southpaw Davis moved back, while Roger did little in the way of aggressive pursuit. Then, on right hand put Davis down along the ropes. Amazingly, Randy had the courage to make it to his feet at the count of nine. Thankfully, the ref had enough sense to end it right there.

In the chief supporting eight, Gred Edelman, 139, Merchantville, N.J. (now 8-0-1) had to settle for a draw with Joey Soler, 141½, Elizabeth, N.J. This was the only genuniely competitive matchup on the five-bout card.

Greg was the house favorite, but his constant waiting for the quality shot probably cost him a win against the willing and forward moving Soler. A strong body attack by Edelman should have gotten him the victory. Scoring: Al DeVito, 5-3, Edelman; William Kostrub, 5-3, Soler, Milo Savage, 4-4. *The Ring* 6-0. Joe, Jr., (now 8-1, 8 kayoes) was in his first bout since his January knockout loss to Mike Mungin.

Switch-hitting Hugh Kearney, 147¾, Philadelphia, stopped Vince Willoughby, 146½, Phila., at 2:17 of the first round. No knockdowns.

Promoter—Joe Verne, Joe Hand.
Timekeeper—JustinBucciahico.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derain.
Referees—Rudy Battle handled the Stafford and (both) Frazier wins. Frank Cappuccino oversaw the Kearney win and the draw.
(03-15-84)

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PENNSYLVANIA

▲**PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon**—Dwayne Williams teamed up with the Reddish group to build a club show around his brother, Bruce. But when opponent Roderick Thompson failed to show from N. Carolina, claiming he "didn't trust" the local people, the card began to unravel. It ended as a textbook disaster of what can happen to untried promoters, as they were still frantically trying to put together a card well past the starting time. The Penna. commission relaxed its 28-round minimum to keep from scuttling the show. But the result was one of the worst cards ever, with only two good bouts, one mismatch, and a dive.

Vince Christian, 123, Mt. Airy, returned after a long layoff in which he couldn't find opponents, to TKO Tim Daniels, 126, Trenton. Tim suffered a vicious eye cut, and failed to come out for the fourth of eight. Rudy Battle refereed.

Jerry Williams, 162, W. Phila., also returned from a period of inactivity, to take a majority decision from Robert Thomas, 163½, N. Phila., in a good scrap, six. Tommy Reid reffed.

Rugged Luis Diaz, 126½, N. Phila., scored a repeat win over classy Angelo Talley, 125½, Germantown, via unanimous verdict in an action four. jRef Battle.

James Stills, 181, N. Phila., scored a "bring-your-own opponent" KO over Robert Brown, 176, N. Phila., at 0:51 of the first, scheduled six. Stills, in taking his third such "win" over Brown, got no opposition whatsoever, and scored two knockdowns. Ref Reid.

Promoter—Dwayne Williams & Evelyn Reddish.
Matchmaker—Ken Hissner.
Attendance—200, $2100 (est.).
Judges—Lynne Carter, Al Morris, Bob LaGuardia.
Timekeeper—J.P. Mina.
Announcer—Frank Talent.
(02-20-84)

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MEXICO

OCTOBER

14.—**ACAPULCO, GUERRERO**—Fidel Martinez, 117, decisioned Ciro Cayetano, 118, in 10. Ney Hernandez, 111, beat Enedino Aguilar, 111, in eight. Antonio Marin, 116, tko'd Marcelo Martinez, 115, in three. Bernardo Sandoval, 121, tko'd Manuel Calderon, 122, also in three. Brigido Rios, 113, tko'd Juan Cisneros, 113, in two.

14.—**MOTUL, YUCATAN**—Jose "Baby" Huertas, 119, tko'd Eligio Martin, 118, in four.

19.—**MEXICO CITY, DISTRITO FEDERAL**—Juan Garcia, 134, tko'd Jorge Hernandez, 134, in one. Juan Camacho, 125, won by a disqualification over Victor Moreno, 126, in four. Salvador Cardenas, 129, tko'd Gerardo Cedillo, 130, in two. Adolfo Morales, 135, tko'd Oscar Correa, 134, in one.

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21.—**NAUCALPAN, ESTADO DE MEXICO—**Daniel Cuamani, 108, bested Pedro Moreno, 108, in 10. Eloy Ortega, 118, tko'd Ramon Acosta, 119. Refugio Alvarado, 116, tko'd Pedro Alonso, 115, in three.

21.—**ACAPULCO, GUERRERO:—**Juan Manuel Rios, 108, stopped Jesus Gonzalez, 109, in eight. Ray Cisneros, 107, halted Pedro Rios, 108, in two. Jesus Cordoba, 112, tko'd Angel Zamora, 113, in five.

22.—**MEXICO CITY, DISTRITO FEDERAL—**Efren Pinto, 108, tko'd Javier Davila, 108, in six. Francisco Ortiz, 117, outpointed Felipe "Tigre" Fernandez, 117, in 10. Alfredo de la Torre, 117, and Jose Luis Bautista, 117, drew in six. Ricardo Magellanes, 147, tko'd Francisco Maya, 145, in five. Oscar Ortiz, 111, iced Joaquin Hernandez, 112, in the opening roll.

22—**TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA—**Rodolfo "Gato" Gonzalez, 136, defeated Benjamin "Benny" Abarca, 135, in 10. Leonardo "Chino" Bermudez, 149, decisioned Angel Villasana, 147, in ten.

26.—**PUEBLA, PUEBLA—**Simon Dominguez, 115, tko'd Juventino Guevara, 115, in four.

28.—**GUADALAJARA—**Martin Garcia, 118, whipped Jorge de Jesus, 118, in 10. Gonzalo Rojas, 125, embalmed Javier Morales, 124, in two.

21.—**GUAMUCHIL, SINALOA—**Santos Valenzuela, 108, and Pedro Rabago, 108, drew in 10.

28.—**CUERNAVACA, MORELOS—**Hector "Negro" Rodriguez, 134, beat Memo Miranda, 135, in 10.

26.—**MERIDA, YUCATAN—**Luis "Puma" Fuente, 126, outscored Isidro "Chilango" Pacheco, 126, in 10. Roger Arevalo, 125, trimmed Alberto "Malach" Chuc, 126, in 10. Francisco Tolosa, 115, demolished German Chacon, 116, in one. Victor Medina, 111, bombed Wenceslao Ibarra, 111, in one. Luis Fernando Euan, 116, decisioned Alex Flota, 117, in four.

26.—**MEXICO CITY, DISTRITO FEDERAL—**Miguel Medina, 125, got the duke over Carlos Linares, 126, in 10. Agustin Vicenteno, 135, tko'd Antonio Diaz, 137, in one. Javier Varela, 135, tko'd Albino Mornachel, 135, in one. Humberto Garcia, 112, tko'd Cuco Vazquez, 112, in two. Raul "Rojo" Huicochea, 111, won from Daniel "Corvo" Flores, 111, in four.

28.—**CIUDAD JUAREZ, CHIHAUAHUA—**Jorge Ramirez, 118, tko'd Jesue "Pascualito" Lopez, 118, in five. Ramon Flores, 124, nailed Tony Paredes, 125, in 5. Leo Martinez, 121, stopped Mario Ramirez, 122, in four.

29.—**ZAPORAN, JALISCO—**Daniel Zaragoza, 118, tko'd Rodolfo "Dorado" Martinez, 118, in 11, to retain the Mexican bantamweight title. Mario "Azabache" Martinez, 125, gained Justo Garcia, 125, in 10. Willie Salazar, 11, tko'd Arturo Tovar, 111, in four.

29.—**MEXICO CITY, DISTRITO FEDERAL—**Rafael "Raton" Alonso, 111, drew in 10 with Bernardo "Batallador" Ibarra, 111, Angel Ortega, 112, tko'd Jesus Molosorrosa, 111, in nine. Armando Marin, 122, destroyed Onesimo Volchis, 121, in one. Eduardo Rojas, 118, bested Juan Coyote, 118, in six. Raul Feregrino, 135, put Mario Medel, 134, to sleep in one.

28.—**CHETUMAL, QUINTANA ROO—**Babe Luis, 108, shaded Guillermo "Memo" Flores, 109, in 10. Rosendo "Hielerito" Ake, 107, halted Jorge "Estudiante" Rivera, 110, in seven.

31.—**TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA—**Marcos Geraldo, 163, tko'd Gonzalo "Raton" Monte, 159, in two. Rigo Ruiz, 147, won by a disqualification over Rocky Cebreros, 148, in four.

28.—**MEXICALI, BAJA CALIFORNIA—**Rodolfo Chavez, 135, stopped Ramon Peraza, 135, in nine. Fidencio Cebreros, 142, nodded Mando Flores, 141, in 10.

31.—**NAVOJOA, SONORA—**Efrain Pinter, 110, disposed of Hector "Dinamita" Diaz, 110, in eight.

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2.—**MEXICO CITY—**Fidel Martinez, 118, halted Gilberto "Zorrito" Morales, 117, in six. Ernesto Guzman, 118, tko'd Arnulfo Contreras, 118, in three. Javier Varela, 136, tko'd Jose Luis Reyes, 135, in three. Alejandro Soto, 124, won from Jacob Hernandez, 125. Vicente Velazco, 117, tko'd Gerardo Leyva, 119, in one.

5.—**MEXICO CITY—**Miguel Angel Alvarez, 135, beat Miguel Macias, 135, in 10. Agustin Resendiz, 142, tko'd Roberto Sandoval, 143, in one. Armando Velazco, 134, and Javier Guerrero, 135, drew in eight, Juan Colin 134, tko'd Norberto Silva, 133, in three. Martin Reyes, 118, stopped Francisco Ortega, 118, in two.

5.—**IXMIQUILPAN, HIDALGO—**Luis Gonzalez, 116, tko'd Ray Mendoza, 117, in three. Higinio Soriano, 114, tko'd Adrian Herrera, 115, in four. Enrique Ursua, 108, and Ultiminio Fernandez, 108, drew in eight. Eusebio Sanchez, 113, iced Ricardo Duran, 112, in one.

9.—**MEXICO CITY—**Jose Luis Tapia, 136, decisioned Victor Martinez, 135, in 10. Antonio Lopez, 109, tko'd Ricardo Aguilar, 108, in two. Gerardo Sanchez, 117, tko'd Felipe Olivar, 135 in five. Nicolas Reyes, 116, tko'd Alberto Contreras, 117, in one.

12.—**MEXICO CITY—**Heriberto Saavedra, 123, tko'd Luis Gonzalez, 121, in eight. Carlos Hernandez, 119, and Javier Herrera, 118, drew in 10. Jorge Urbina, 109, tko'd Damian Hernandez, 108, in seven. Oscar Ortiz, 112, tko'd Narciso Panchi, 111, in three. Ramon Jimenez, 117, tko'd Mauricio Ferrer, 117, in two.

11.—**CIUDAD JUAREZ, CHIHUAHUA—**Arturo "King Kong" Diaz, 206, outscored Ramon Ronquillo, 201, in 12 to retain the Mexican heavyweight title. Enrique Ursua, 109, tko'd Octavio Quinones, 108, in three. Ray Azteca, 147, bested Mario Olmedo, 148, in 10. Jaime Herrera, 119, won over Rocky Alvarado, 119, in eight.

11.—**MOTUL, YUCATAN—**Roberto "Pipo" Rodriguez, 135, won by a disqualification over Chamaco Maravilla, 134, in six. Joe "Lobo" Huertas, 118, tko'd Diego "Autos" Morcillo, 127, in two.

16.—**MERIDA, YUCATAN—**Rodolfo Alvarado, 108, licked Javier "Candelita" Varguez, 108, in 10. Fernando Varguez, 108, beat Ranulfo Cano, 110, in 10. Jose "Latigo" Montejo, 114, tko'd Ramon Pinto, 115, in one. Freddie Rios, 114, nodded Francisco Yam, 113, in four. Javier Gonzalez, 111, whipped Ruben "Tigre" Lopez, 111, in four.

22.—**MEXICO CITY, DISTRITO FEDERAL—**Ramon Jimenez, 117, tko'd Rady Perez, 118, in eight. Arturo Coutino, 138, tko'd Rodolfo Bata, 137, in two. Ciro Armengolt, 107, bested Rodolfo Ramirez, 108, in six. Jaime Martinez, 147, ko'd Jacinto Gonzalez, 147, in six. Juan Velazquez, 126, tko'd Humberto Ferrer, 125, on one.

23.—**TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, CHIAPAS—**Camilo Ortiz, 111, beat Abraham Barrientos, 112, in 10.

13.—**IXMIQUILPAN, HIDALGO—**Veteran Leonico Ortiz, 135, tko'd Ruben "Toluco" Castro, 135, in two. Higinio Soriano, 114, stopped Adan Uribe, 119, in three. Jose Angel Jimenez, 125, tko'd Rafael Lira, 126, in four.

14.—**LOS MOCHIS, SINALOA—**Mauro Guitierrez, 124, tko'd Celso Munoz, 125, in the very first round.

16.—**MEXICO CITY—**Jesus Hernandez, 147, won by a disqualification over Luciano Fernandez, 148, in five. Manuel Arce, 117, tko'd Miguel Zamora, 118, in four. Ultiminio Ramirez, 108, whipped Aniceto Hernandez, 108, in six. Reyes Mendez, 107, tko'd Jose Luis Molina, 108, in two. Juan Martinez, 124, tko'd Arturo Millan, 125, in two.

14.—**MAZATLAN, SINALOA—**Gilberto Canchola, 156, and Jose Luis Billan, 157, drew in 10.

18.—**CHETUMAL, QUINTANA ROO—**Daniel Herrera, 129, technically drew in 2 with Alejandro "Mimila" Garcia, 130, Roger Arevalo, 121, defeated Margarito "Lobito" Narvaez, 120, in 10. Rene Medina, 109, licked Jesus "Pajarito" Rivera, 110, in 10.

22.—**CORDOBA, VERACRUZ—**Jorge Cano, 108, tko'd Alejandro Flores, 109, in eight. Jose Esteban "Momia" Quijano, 109 and Agustin "Frijol" Macias, 110, drew in 10.

19.—**ZIHUATENEJO, GUERRERO—**Noe Gonzalez, 112, stopped Hugo Hernandez, 113, in four. Miguel Angel Dominguez, 108, decisioned Rosenberg Rosas, 108, in 10. Carlos Dominguez, 107, nailed Antonio Estrada, 108, in four. Oscar Sanchez, 113, chilled Fidel Ramirez, 114, in five.

12.—**ZIHUATANEJO, GUERRERO—**Mario "Chapo" Nava, 121, outscored Jose Angel "Pulgarcito" Nogueda, 120, in 10. Adrian Cortes, 117, beat Francisco Hernandez, 117, in 10.

7.—**FRESNILLO, ZACATECAS—**Santos "Apache" Moreno, 124, embalmed Rafael Aparicio, 125, in four. Jose Alvarez, 120, disposed of Alberto Contreras, 121, in two. Felipe Moreno, 123, kayoed Martin Huerta, 123, in two.

26.—**NAVOJOA, SONORA—**Sergio "Chocolate" Zambrano, 125, bombed Guillermo Vallejo, 125, in one.

11.—**CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA—**Cayetano Correa, 135, whipped Martin Quiroz, 135, in 10.

11.—**GUADALAJARA, JALISCO—**Martin Alcala, 118, tko'd Antonio Gallina, 119, in four.

11.—**ACAPULCO, GUERRERO—**Salvador Estrada, 118, stopped Salvador Naca, 117, in four. Mauricio Maldonado, 123, tko'd Lupe Silverio, 123, in four. Macario Santos, 110, tko'd Moreno Garcia, 109, in six. Alejandro Zarate, 111, and Marcelino Torres, 111 drew in six. Ray Cisneros, 111, demolished Javier Jimenez, 112, in one.

14.—**FRESNILLO, ZACATECAS—**Manny Romo, 136, tko'd Antonio Hernandez, 138, in five. Eliseo Silva, 119, outscored Bernardo O, 118, in 10. Victor Alanis, 115, halted Baby Camarillo, 15, in three. Magdaleno Quintero, 111, and "Luigi" Ramirez, 112, no contest in six.

25.—**TAXCO, GUERRERO—**Juan Manuel Rios, 108, decisioned Gilberto Sosa, 109, in 10. Salvador Zamora, 115, embalmed Valerio Valente, 114, in two. Mario Moreno, 111, nailed Alberto Victores, 111, in four. Juan Coyote, 110, stoped Jorge Ortega, 110, in five. Vicente Velazco, 109, iced Roberto Ayala, 108, in one.

25.—**CHETUMAL, QUINTANA ROO—**William Solis, 135, flattened Julian "Latigo" Mendoza, 136, in seven. Tony Hong, 108, copped a decision over Juan "Torito" Figueroa, 109, in 10. Pastor Salas, 111, won by a disqualification over Teo Batun, 109, in one. Feliciano Euan, 112, beat Panchito Chale, 112, in four.

26.—**MEXICO CITY, DISTRITO FEDERAL—**Diego Avila, 119, polished off Rodolfo "Colorina" Ortega, 118, in seven. Juan Atilano, 117, won by a technical decision over Jose Pineda, 118, in seven. Mario Alberto Rodriguez, 124, shaded Bruno Canales, 125, in eight. Enrique Romero, 126, and Melquiades Rodriguez, 126, drew in six. Raul Feregrino, 135, bombed Norberto Bueno, 136, in the opening round.

26.—**MERIDA, YUCATAN—**Guty Espadas, 115, trimmed Raul Valdez, 116, in 10. Freddie Castillo, 112, tko'd Arturo Mujica, 113, in six. Ricardo "Leoncito" Peralta, 138, tko'd Celso Limon, 139, in one. Javier Alonso, 108, tko'd Lino Hernandez, 109, in five. Babe Luis II, 108, bested Jose Damian, 109, in eight.

30.—**MEXICO CITY,DISTRITO FEDERAL—**Carlos Gomez, 111, tko'd Angel Ortega, 111, in five. Manuel Arce, 119, tko'd Ernesto Guzman, 119, in five. Gerardo Cedillo, 114, tko'd Pablo Santiago, 114, in four. Pablo Gomez, 123, Fidel Cruz, 124, in one.

28.—**TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA—**Gerardo "Dracula" Derbez, 147, outpointed Felipe Vaca, 147, to capture the Mexican welterweight championship in 12 rounds. Antonio de la Paz, 125, tko'd Felix Rodriguez, 125, of Panama, in six. Hector Medina (young Casanova), 124, tko'd Cesar Cepeda, 125, in 11. Mario Chavez, 117, tko'd Julio Valle, 118, in five.

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3.—**MEXICO CITY, DISTRITO FEDERAL—**Agustin Vicenteno, 135, won by a disqualification over Ramon Nunez, 135, in four. Fernando "Soldado" Teran, 18, tko'd Francisco Ortiz, 117, in five. Reynaldo Garcia, 117, whipped Mario Marin, 116, in eight. Bruno Luevano, 108, tko'd Antonio Lopez, 109, in one. Eduardo Rojas, 117, won by a disqualification over Nino Alonso, 118, in four.

10.—**TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA—**Jose Duarte, 161, tko'd Rafael "Caballo" Corona, 159, in three.

3.—**CANCUN, QUINTANA ROO—**Marco Figueroa, 126, tko'd Carlos Hernandez, 124, in five. Rosendo "Hilero" Ake, 108, won by a technical decision over Jose Chuc, 107, in seven. Freddie Hernandez, 111, beat Francisco Garcia, 110, in six.

7.—**MEXICO CITY, DISTRITO FEDERAL—**Santos Rodriguez, 125, won from Carlos Linares, 124, in 10. Elfego Lopez, 111, tko'd Luis Alberto Pena, 112, in two. Alberto Contreras, 125, gained Armando Marin, 126, in six. Herminio Hernandez, 125, tko'd Goyo Nolasco, 124, in one. Jorge Arce, 117, defeated Raul Luna, 118, in four.

10.—**MEXICO CITY, DISTRITO FEDERAL—**Efren Pinto, 109, decisioned Eduardo "Lalo" Acosta, 108, in 10. Bernardo "Batallador" Ibarra, 113, tko'd Alfredo Chale, 112, in two. Daniel Flores, 133, tko'd Arturo Cardenas, 133, in two. Nicolas Reyes, 124, tko'd Javier Torres, 123, in two. Gerardo Carreno, 113, stopped Arturo Mendoza, 112, in two.

14.—**MERIDA, YUCATAN—**Fernando "Candelita" Varguez, 108, tko'd Lino Hernandez, 109, in seven. Marco Figueroa, 126, tko'd Wilbert Vera, 124, in four. Manuel Chale, 125, and Jose "Baby" Huertas, 122, drew in six. Freddie Rios, 117, tko'd Victor Medina, 118, in four. Luis Aguilar, 135, halted Tony Solis, 136, in four.

9.—**ACAPULCO, GUERRERO—**Artemio Ruiz, 109, won over Rafael "Raton" Alonso, 108, in 10.

14.—**MEXICO CITY, DISTRITO FEDERAL—**Javier Alonso, 108, tko'd Homero Guel, 109, in eight. Eugenio Morgan, 121, tko'd Javier Hernandez, 122, in three. Herminio Ramirez, 112, won on points over Ciro Armengolt, 111, in six. Hector Garcia, 111, bested Domingo Escalante, 111, in four. Raul Perez, 134, tko'd Daniel Vargas, 135, in three.

16.—**CIUDAD JUAREZ, CHIHUAHUA—**Daniel Zaragoza, 118, licked Rigoberto "Gigio" Estrada, 117, to retain the Mexican bantamweight title in 12. Sergio Sanchez, 147, stopped Ray Azteca, 148, in nine. Arturo Uruzquieta, 110, tko'd Rodolfo Flores, 110, in eight.

17.—**MEXICO CITY, DISTRITO FEDERAL—**Ladislao "Ruso" Mijangos, 178, tko'd Julio Cruz, 177, in five. Juan Camacho, 117, tko'd Hugo Anguiano, 118, in four. Fidel Martinez, 113, won from Rafael Morales, 112, in 10. Nicolas Herrera, 147, tko'd Jesus Hernandez, 146, in four. Jaime Martinez, 147, lost to Fernando Diaz, 147,in six.

16.—**CHETUMAL, QUINTANA ROO—**Juan Herrera, 111, embalmed Santiago "Raton" Perez, 112, in five. Mario Zapata, 118, tko'd Carlos "Cain" Castro, 117, in two. Daniel Herrera, 131, polished off Rocky Bautista, 132, in two. Santiago Mendez, 108, got the duke over Ernesto "Cuervo" Guerrero, 109,in 10.

16.—**MAZATLAN, SINALOA—**Antonio Becerra, 122, tko'd Roberto Collins, 123, in three. Mario "Azabache" Martinez, 125, destroed Ad Zapanta, 124, of Philippines, in one.

17.—**ACAPULCO, GUERRERO—**Juan Manuel Rios, 108, nodded Amado "Pantera" Ursua, 109, in 10. Refugio Alvarado, 126, put Valerio Valente, 125, to sleep in one.

23.—**NAVOJOA, SONORA—**Martin "Camaron" Castro, 124, nailed Raul "Papayo" Valdez, 125, in nine.

23.—**ACAPULCO, GUERRERO—**Fernando "Soldado" Teran, 118, tko'd Adrian Cortes, 119, in eight.

30.—**MAZATLAN, SINALOA—**Jose Luis Ramirez, 135, tko'd Victor Kelly, 135, in three. Julio Cesar Chavez, 134, kayoed Armando Flores, 135, in three. Juan Antonio Lopez, 124, stopped Manuel "Meno" Lara, 123, in three.

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1.—**GOMEZ PALACIO, DURANGO—**Ricardo "Leoncito" Peralta, 136, chilled Martin Galvan, 136, in four. Gaspar Pool, 135, decisioned Jesus Barrientos, 134, in 10. Manuel "Gallo" Juarez, 135, tko'd Daniel Herrera, 133, in seven.

6.—**SALINA CRUZ, OAXACA—**Carlos Mendoza, 125, of Panama, tko'd Guillermo "Lobo" Morales, 126, in seven.

7.—**MEXICO CITY, DISTRITO FEDERAL—**Jorge Ramirez, 118, defeated Mario "Chapo" Nava, 118, in 10. Herminio Hernandez, 125, tko'd Felipe Olivar, 125, in five. Oscar Correa, 133, tko'd Arturo Gomez, 132, in one. Abraham Martinez, 124, won from Pedro Mendoza, 125, in six. Alejandro Soto, 125, lost to Juan Martinez, 125, in four.

14.—**MEXICO CITY, DISTRITO FEDERAL—**Heriberto Saavedra, 122, outscored Jaime "Conejo" Casas, 122, in 10. Herminio Delgado, 135, tko'd Memo Miranda, 136, in seven. Valente Flores, 115, tko'd Juan Velazco, 115, in eight. Oscar Moreno, 108, beat Candido Corona, 109, in six. Rodolfo Bata, 108, tko'd Samuel Diaz, 108, in one.

18.—**MERIDA, YUCATAN—**Santiago "Raton" Perez, 115, nailed Mariano Garma, 115, in two. Marco Figueroa, 126, defeated Alfredo "Malach" Chuc, 125, in 10. Babe Luis II, 107, outboxed Teo Batun, 108, in eight. Pastor Salas, 110, decisioned Jose Damian, 110, in four. Felipe Gutierrez, 112, demolished Giovanni Sanchez, 112, in one.

18.—**MEXICO CITY, DISTRITO FEDERAL—**Fidel Martinez, 111, tko'd Jesus Tejeda, 111, in six. Cuco Alvarado, 126, tko'd Juan Camacho, 125, in four. Javier Varela, 116, tko'd Jaime Lara, 117, in four. Juan Estrada, 117, tko'd Jaime Martinez, 119, in two. Jacob Hernandez, 125, tko'd Hugo Sarmiento, 125, in three.

25.—**MERIDA, YUCATAN—**Babe Luis, 108, stopped Jesus "Pajaro" Rivera, 108, in two. David Munoz, 117, grabbed the decision over Jose "Latigo" Montejo, 117, in 10. Jorge "Estudiate" Rivera, 107, bested Jose Escalante, 108, in six. Alejandro Cab, 117, tko'd Jose Luis Euan, 115, in three., Tony Solis, 135, and Rene Solis, 134, drew in four.

28.—**MEXICO CITY, DISTRITO FEDERAL—**German Torres, 110, gained Bernardo "Batallador" Ibarra, 110, in 10. Eugenio Morgan, 122, tko'd Francisco Ortiz 121, in six. Juan Coyote, 112, tko'd Martin Segura, 11, in one. Oscar Ortiz, 111, tko'd Martin Moreno, 111, in two. Ignacio Madrid, 124, tko'd Mario Moreno, 125, in two.

29.—**NAVOJOA, SONORA—**Sergio "Chocolate" Zamnbrano, 125, won from Miguel Angel Alvarez, 126, in 10. Juan Antonio Lopez, 125, licked Rafael "Gato" Toledo, 124, in 10. Guillermo Mayorca, 134, and Benjamin Quintero, 134, drew in 10.

27.—**MAZATLAN, SINALOA—**David "Maceton" Cabrera, 177, tko'd Lorenzo "Yaqui" Benitez, 178, to recapture the Mexican light-heavyweight title in four rounds. Gil Canchola, 147, won by a disqualification over Geraro "Dracula" Derbez, 147, in four, to gain the Mexican welterweight championship. Miguel Molina, 112, stopped Armando Reyes, 112, in two.

27.—**TORREON, COAHUILA—**Gabriel Bernal, 112, tko'd Ernesto "Che" Guevara, 111 in nine. Vicente Mijares, 135, whipped Rodolfo "Gato" Gonzalez, 136, in 10. Efrain Pintor, 112, tko'd Raul "Cuate" Lopez, 111, in six. Jesus "Pascualito" Lopez, 118,

bested Diego Avil, 18, in 10.

21.—**MEXICO CITY, DISTRITO FEDERAL**—Arturo "King Kong" Diaz, 205, technically kayoed Fernando "Toro" Montes, 201, in the sixth round, to retain the Mexican heavyweight championship.

1.—**MEXICALI, BAJA CALIFORNIA**—Javier "Changa" Marquez, 124, decisioned Arturo "Cujito" Hernandez, 125, in 10. Jose Manuel Diaz, 112, outpointed Oscar Cisterna, 112, to capture the Baja California Norte State flyweight title in 12 rounds. José Luis Alejo, 149, stiffened German Mendoza, 147, in four.

25.—**MEXICO CITY, DISTRITO FEDERAL**—Daniel Guillen, 113, technically stopped Miro rosales, 113, in seven. Martin Vidal, 123, knocked out Jesus "Maravilla" Roque, 122, in two. roman Jimenez, 117, outscored Nabor Flores, 118, in eight. Luis Garcia, 109, won over Joaquin Rodriguez, 110, in six. Hector Garcia, 119, tko'd Refugio Vazquez, 120, in two.

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1.—**MERIDA, YUCATAN**—Rodolfo Alvarado, 110, tko'd Ignacio "Torito" Gomez, 111, in eight. Rosendo "Hielerito" Ake, 108, tko'd Lino Hernandez, 108, in three. Felipe Gutierrez, 115, tko'd Jose "Lobo" Huertas, 116, in five. Jose de la Cruz Mendez, 117, outpointed Isidro Hererra, 117, in four. Silvio Peraza, 111, and Alvaro Covian, 112, drew in four.

1.—**MEXICO CITY, DISTRITO FEDERAL**—Juan Jimenez, 125, bested Santos Rodriguez, 126, in 10. Mario Alberto Rodriguez, 124, tko'd Salvador Cardenas, 125, in one. Gregorio Narciso, 125, tko'd Enrique Romero, 124, in five. Raymundo Aquino, 108, drew with Juvenal Lupian, 108, in four. Omar Flores, 112, drew with Armanbdo Castro, 112, in four.,

3.—**CHETUMAL, QUINTANA ROO**—Santiago Mendez, 108, tko'd Antonio Lopez, 109, in six. Wilbert Vera, 125, technically drew with Mario Zapata, 125, in three. Jesus Requena, 108, gained Ignacio Puc, 108, in six. Cristobal Gamboa, 121, decisioned Jose Medina, 121 in four. Victor Medina, 116, nodded Jorge Chavez, 117, in four.

4.—**MEXICO CITY, DISTRITO FEDERAL**—Ramon Avitia, 135, shaded Juan Garcia, 135, in 10. Neftali Ramirez, 111, tko'd Wilfrido Castillo, 112, in five. Pedro Flores, 118, tko'd Miguel Zamora, 117, in two. Antonio Castillo, 119, tko'd Jorge Arce, 117, in four. Ricardo Mendez, 117, outscored Arturo Olivares, 117, in four.

5.—**LOS MOCHIS, SINALOA**—Francisco "Cochulito" Montiel, 108, won by a disqualification over Efren Pinto, 108, in four, to retain the Mexican Jr. flyweight title. Mauro Gutierrez, 125, tko'd Lupe Martinez, 125, in three.

8.—**MEXICO CITY, DISTRITO FEDERAL**—Jose Luis Lara, 124, licked Carlos Linares, 125, in 10. Alejandro Sanabria, 108, tko'd Ricardo Aguilar, 109, in four. Manuel Pichardo, 125, tko'd Jose Alcantara, 124, in six. Adan Martinez, 117, beat Alejandro Soto, 117, in four. Sergio Aquino, 117, won from Lalo Sanchez, 116, in four.

11.—**MERIDA, YUCATAN**—Guty Espadas, 115, trimmed Elid "Jimmy" Fernandez, in 10. Freddie Castillo, 114, tko'd Jose Luis Cruz, 116, in one. Babe Luis, 108, tko'd Javier Davila, 110, in two. Jorge Cano, 108, tko'd Ricardo "Finito" Lopez, 109, in four. Roger Arevalo, 124, tko'd Wilbert Vera, 125, in three.

11.—**MEXICO CITY, DISTRITO FEDERAL**—Artemio Ruiz, 115, tko'd Fidel Martinez, 116, in eight. Juan Carlos Alvarado, 135, tko'd Raul Bencomo, 134, in two. Agustin "Canguro" Estrada, 135, tko'd Agustin Vicenteno, 136, in eight. Raul Feregrino, 135, tko'd Oscar Correa, 135, in one. Jose Merino, 11, tko'd Pablo Gomez, 112, in two.

10.—**ZIHUATANEJO, GUERRERO**—Javier Lucas, 112, stopped Adrian Cortes, 112, in two.

10.—**MAZATLAN, SINALOA**—Raul "Papayo" Valdez, 125, defeated Martin Diaz, 125, in 10. Joel Meza, 123, iced Ramon Valenzuela, 124, in the very first round.

17.—**GUADALAJARA, JALISCO**—Martin Garcia, 117, chilled Martin Torres, 119, in eight. Jorge Urbina, 125, bested Jesus Mayorca, 125, in 10.

17.—**CAMPECHE, CAMPECHE**—Santos Morales, 111, stopped Tony Hong, 110, in eight. Agustin Raygoza, 113, tko'd "Hielerito" Ake, 112, in seven. Loreto Paredes, 125, tko'd Ramon Quintal, 124, in five. Luis Antonio Noh, 111, whipped Rafael Cauich, 110, in four.

18.—**MEXICO CITY, DISTRITO FEDERAL**—Pedro Galaviz, 125, outpunched Justo Garcia, 125, in 10. Herminio Hernandez, 135, tko'd Jorge Hernandez, 135, in tenth and last round. Rodolfo Bata, 135, tko'd Antonio Diaz, 136, in one. Martin Vidal, 115, lost to Manuel Arce, 116, in eight. Juan Martinez, 118, tko'd Jacob Hernandez, 119, in one.

18.—**MEXICALI, BAJA CALIFORNIA**—Daniel Zaragoza, 119, tko'd Javier "Changa" Marquez, 118, in five.

20.—**ZACATECAS, ZACATECAS**—Felipe Medina, 112, halted Manuel "Coloradito" Lopez, 112, in nine, to capture the Zacatecas State flyweight title. Rafael Aparicio, 147, stiffened Francisco Martinez, 126, in eight. Luiggi Ramirez, 118, embalmed Lupe de Santiago, 118, in eight.

20.—**FRESNILLO, ZACATECAS**—Arturo "Torito" Castillo, 116, nailed Jose "Pantera" Jimenez, 115, in five. Javier Rodriguez, 119, tko'd Mario Cortes, 119, in five. Enrique Barcenas, 124, bombed Antonio Camariullo, 124, in one. Magdaleno Quintero, 132, tko'd Juan Salas, 131, in three. Vicente Gaytan, 117, demolished Marcos Bautista, 119, in one.

22.—**MERIDA, YUCATAN**—Ramon "Chopa" Ortiz, 112, disposed of Santiago "Raton" Perez, 112, in six. Marco Figueroa, 125, tko'd Martin "Rocky" Bautista, 124, in one. Francisco Tolosa, 111, and Baldomero "Cachorro" Mex, 111, drew in six. David Azcorram 125 tko'd Freddi Rios, 125, in one. Cristobal Gamboa, 117, tko'd David Montalvo, 117, in one.

22.—**MEXICO CITY, DISTRITO FEDERAL**—Mauro Diaz, 112, beat Angel Ortega, 112, in 10. Mario Marin, 108, tko'd Gerardo Gonzalez, 109, in eight. Gerardo Carreno, 115, tko'd Mauricio Ferrer, 116, in one. Victor Gomez, 117, gained Humberto Garcia, 116, in four. Luis Guzman, 135, tko'd Pedro Rosas, 136, in two.

24.—**CAMPECHE, CAMPECHE**—Jorge Manuel Vera, 116, decisioned Faustino "Rabamito" Martin, 115, in 10. Pastor Brito, 109, tko'd Ranulfo Cano, 108, in seven. Juan Manuel Catzin, 110, tko'd Alfredo Herrea, 111, in six.

24.—**PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO**—Manuel "Lobito" Aguilar, 114, stopped Jose "Duende" Sales, 115, in three.

24.—**CUERNAVACA, MORELOS**—Ismael Santiago, 120, embalmed Panchito Hernandez, 118, in four.

25.—**MEXICO CITY, DISTRITO FEDERAL**—Jose Duarte, 159, tko'd Abel Cordoba, 160, to retain the Mexican middleweight title in only two rounds. Ramon Jimenez, 117, tko'd Heriberto Saavedra, 117, in nine. Miguel Landin, 142, destroyed Agustin Resendiz, 143, in two. Alfredo de la Torre, 118, tko'd Eduardo Rojas, 117, in four. Higinio Soriano, 159, tko'd Jose Carrasco, 158, in three.

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(as of March 1st, 1984)

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1. Bernardo Mercado (Colombia)
2. Eddie López (Mexico)
3. Juan Figueroa (Argentina)
4. José Adilson Rodrigues (Brazil)
5. Walter Daniel Falconi (Argentina)
6. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)
7. Arturo Díaz (Mexico)
8. Carlos Hernández (Cuba)
9. Domingo D'Elía (Argentina)
10. Cisco Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
11. Fernando Montes (Mexico)
12. Héctor Rubén Zamaro (Argentina)
13. Hector Rohr (Argentina)
14. Abraham Meneses (Mexico)
15. Luis Acosta (Argentina)
16. Gilberto Acuña (Costa Rica)
17. Ramón Ronquillo (Mexico)
18. Jose Luis Gonzalez (Mexico)
19. Juan Antonio Musladino (Argentina)
20. Ladislao Mijangos (Mexico).

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Oscar Rivadeneyra (Peru)
2. Juan Carlos Gimenez (Paraguay)
3. César Romero (Argentina)
4. Marcos Geraldo (Mexico)
5. Fulgencio Obelmejías (Venezuela)
6. Lorenzo Benítez (Mexico)
7. José María Flores Burlón (Uruguay)
8. Jorge Salgado (Argentina)
9. Euclides Valdez (Dominican Republic)
10. Miguel Cea (Chile)
11. Pablos Ramos (Puerto Rico)
12. Víctor Robledo (Argentina)
13. Carlos Flores Burlón (Uruguay)
14. Tomás Polo (Colombia)
15. David Cabrera (Mexico)
16. Juan Carlos Fernández (Argentina)
17. Sergio Gonzalez (Uruguay)
18. Angel Salinas (Argentina)
19. Clarismundo Silva (Brazil)
20. Luis Galván (Dom. Rep.)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Juan Domingo Roldán (Argentina)
2. Roberto Ruiz (Argentina)
3. Néstor Flores (Panama)
4. Rafael Corona (Mexico)
5. Carlos Antunes (Brazil)
6. Jorge Valentinuzzi (Argentina)
7. Jacinto Fernández (Argentina)
8. Norberto Sabater (Puerto Rico)
9. Gonzalo Montes (Mexico)
10. José Duarte (Mexico)
11. Angel Caro (Argentina)
12. Esteban Pizarro (Puerto Rico)
13. Felipe Guzmán (Peru)
14. Andrés Ramírez (Mexico)
15. Manuel Zambrano (Colombia)
16. Eduardo Contreras (Argentina)
17. Abel Córdoba (Mexico)
18. Antonio Leyva (Mexico)
19. Juan Alfredo Ubiedo (Argentina)
20. José Mireles (Mexico)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
2. Francisco de Jesús (Brazil)
3. Patricio Díaz (Argentina)
4. Emiliano Villa (Colombia)
5. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
6. Luis Bazán (Argentina)
7. Pedro Lavalle (Peru)
8. Carlos del Valle Herrera (Argentina)
9. Jorge Medina (Argentina)
10. Walter Gómez (Argentina)
11. Jose Betancourt (Puerto Rico)
12. Hector Hernández (Chile)
13. Felipe Carballo (Chile)
14. José Santana (Puerto Rico)
15. José Vallejo (Dominican Republic)
16. Miguel Sepúlveda (Puerto Rico)
17. Luis Primera (Venezuela)
18. Miguel Angel García
19. Carlos V. Velázquez (Argentina)
20 Alejandro Garrido (Chile)

WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Elio Omar Díaz (Venezuela)
2. Pipino Cuevas (Mexico)
3. Fernando Castro (Peru)
4. Eduardo Rodriguez (Panama)
5. Juan Rondón (Venezuela)
6. Enrique Sallago (Argentina)
7. Ramón Abeldaño (Argentina)
8. Lupe Aquino (Mexico)
9. Mauricio Bravo (Venezuela)
10. Alfredo Lucero (Argentina)
11. Pablo Báez (Dom. Rep.);
12. Francisco Ortega (Mexico)
13. Hugo Rengifo (Venezuela)
14. Jorge Mojica (Puerto Rico)
15. Alfonso Torres (Colombia)
16. Felipe Vaca (Mexico)
17. José Joaquín Baret (Dominican Republic)
18. Gerardo Derbez (Mexico)
19. Carlos Trujillo
(Panama) 20. Carlos Prieto (Argentina)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Lorenzo García (Argentina)
2. Reyes Antonio Cruz (Dominican Republic)
3. Ubaldo Sacco (Argentina)
4. Hugo Hernández (Argentina)
5. René Arredondo (Mexico)
6. Vilomar Fernández (Dominican Republic)
7. Félix Reyes (Dominican Republic)
8. Miguel Montilla (Dominican Republic)
9. Agustín Caballero (Panama)
10. Adolfó Arce Rossi (Argentina)
11. Carlos Lavalle (Peru);
12. Adolfo Medel (Chile)
13. Mauricio Rodriguez (Cuba)
14. Danny Sanchez (Puerto Rico)
15. Adriano Marrero (Dominican Republic)
16. Juan Martín Coggi (Argentina)
17. Martín Rojas (Colombia)
18. Aldemar Mosquera Montaño (Colombia)
19. José Angulo (Colombia)
20. Antonio Cervantes (Colombia)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. José Luis Ramirez (Mexico)
2. Orlando Romero (Peru)
3. Irleis Pérez (Cuba)
4. Sergio Medina (Mexico)
5. Rafael Williams (Panama)
6. Juan Arroyo (Puerto Rico)
7. Nelson Bolaños (Ecuador)
8. Roque Montoya (Mexico)
9. Ildemar Paisán (Venezuela)
10. Jesús Romero (Argentina)
11. Gerónimo Luquez (Argentina)
12. Angel Hernández (Puerto Rico)
13. Saúl Julio (Colombia)
14. Ricardo Peralta (Mexico)
15. Jose Ramón Cotúa (Venezuela)
16. Oscar Arnal (Venezuela)
17. Rudy Alpizar (Costa Rica)
18. Ezequiel Sánchez (Dom. Rep.)
19. Luis Musa (Argentina)
20. Alfredo Chávez (Argentina)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Samuel Serrano (Puerto Rico)
2. Edgar Castro (Venezuela)
3. Alfredo Layne (Panama)
4. Rafael Solís (Puerto Rico)
5. Jorge Alvarado (Panama)
6. Julio César Chávez (Mexico)
7. Rafael Limón (Mexico)
8. Aquilino Asprilla (Panama)
9. Benedicto Villablanca (Chile)
10. Roberto Piñeiro (Puerto Rico)
11. José Vidal (Dominican Republic)
12. Gustavo de la Cruz (Dom. Rep.)
13. Pedro Armando Gutierrez (Argentina)
14. Wilson Arias (Colombia)
15. Faustino Barrios (Argentina)
16. Carlos Olivera (Argentina)
17. Raúl Roque Bianco (Argentina)
18. Alfredo Paiva (Venezuela)
19. Roberto Defooz (Argentina)
20. Efrain Nieves (Puerto Rico)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Wilfredo Gómez (Puerto Rico)
2. Johnny De la Rosa (Dom. Rep.)
3. José Caba (Dom. Rep.)
4. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
5. Angel Levy Mayor (Venezuela)
6. Jorge Luján (Panama)
7. Oscar Bejinés (Mexico)
8. Eduardo Prieto (Chile)
9. Hector Cortez (Ecuador)
10. Francisco Fernandez (Panama)
11. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
12. Fernando Sosa (Argentina)
13. José Jimenez (Dominican Rep.)
14. Carlos Piñango (Venezuela)
15. Juvenal Lorca Ordenes (Chile)
16. Mario Martínez (Mexico)
17. Joaquín Acuña (Mexico)
18. Hipólito Nuñez (Argentina)
19. José Mario López (Argentina)
20. Idabeh Rojas (Colombia)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Felipe Orozco (Colombia)
2. Leo Cruz (Dom. Republic)
3. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
4. Ramón Dominguez (Argentina)
5. Bernardo Checa (Panama)
6. Julián Solís (Puerto Rico)
7. Felix Rodriguez (Panama)
8. Raúl Gonzalez (Venezuela)
9. Eduardo Chávez (Argentina)
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BANTAMWEIGHTS
1. Lupe Pintor (Mexico)
2. Gustavo Ballas (Argentina)
3. Jesus Rafael Oronó (Venezuela)
4. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
5. Gilberto Román (Mexico)
6. Enrique Sánchez (Dom. Rep.)
7. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
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10. Hilario Zapata (Panama)
11. José Rufino Narváez (Argentina)
12. Milton Torres (Puerto Rico)
13. Benito Badilla (Chile)
14. Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)
15. Juan Carlos Cortés (Argentina)
16. Miguel Lora (Colombia)
17. Israel Contreras (Venezuela)
18. Raúl Valdez (Mexico)
19. Celso Chávez (Panama)
20. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)

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1. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
2. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
3. Eleoncio Mercedes (Dom. Rep.)
4. Germán Torres (Mexico)
5. Güty Espadas (Mexico)
6. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
7. Cándido Tellez (Mexico)
8. Prudencio Cardona (Colombia)
9. Luis Fernando Harnández (Mexico)
10. Adrián Román (Argentina)
11. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
12. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
13. Roberto Ramírez (Mexico)
14. Isidro Pérez (Mexico)
15. Ramón Antonio Nery (Dom. Rep.)
16. Francisco Quiroz (Dominican Republic)
17. Eusebio Espinal (Dominican Republic)
18. José Gallegos (Mexico)
19. Rubén Condorí (Argentina)
20. Mario Demarco (Argentina)

SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

▲**OLAVARRIA**—Sergio Combis halted Héctor Vivas in seven, welters.
(02-02-84)

▲**MAR DEL PLATA**—Argentine junior lightweight champion Carlos (Gato) Olivera was halted by former champion Faustino Barrios in ten, non title bout. This is the third match between Olivera and Barrios; Olivera won the first two, one of them to win the crown. Now a new bout should be made in order to define the controversy.
(02-03-84)

▲**CONCORDIA**—Junior Middleweight Carlos V. Velásquez outpointed Ricardo Carballo, 10 and reversed the result of two months ago when Carballo won by disqualification at the Luna Park Stadium.
(02-03-84)

▲**PARANA**—Héctor Rohr knocked out Cándido Barrera in four, cruiserweights.
(02-03-84)

▲**CHAJARI**—Young prospect Ramón Ramos was held to a draw by Vicente Silva, 10 rounds, junior middleweights.
(02-03-84)

▲**SALTA**—Osmar Ochoa outpointed Luis Sosa, 10, junior middleweights.
(02-03-84)

▲**PERGAMINO**—Junior featherweight Eduardo (Locomotora) Chavez drew with Hugo Villarruel in ten.
(02-09-84)

▲**MAR DEL PLATA**—Argentine featherweight champion Fernando Sosa outpointed Carlos (Tano) Velásquez in ten. Judges recorded 100-93, 100-93, and 100-94, all for the champion, who finished the match with an injured hand which will probably stop him for a couple of months.
(02-10-84)

▲**TUCUMAN**—Daniel Murúa halted Carlos Ibarra in seven, junior lightweights.
(02-10-84)

▲**TANDIL**—Miguel Angel Maldonado outclassed Marcelo Ruiz Díaz, 10, middleweights.
(02-10-84)

▲**TANCACHA**—Ramón Peralta knocked out José (Popeye) Bronzone in nine to retain his Córdoba welterweight title.
(02-10-84)

▲**SAN SALVADOR DE JUJUY**—South American flyweight champion Rubén Condorí stopped Ramón Rodriguez in eight. Both fought as bantamweights.
(02-10-84)

▲**LAS FLORES**—Unbeaten Juan Martín (Látigo) Coggi continued his winning series by outpointing Marcelo Villagra in ten, junior welterweights.(02-10-84)

▲**TOSTADO**—Juan Carlos Morales outpointed Viterman Sánchez in ten, junior welterweights.(02-10-84)

▲**HUINCA RENANCO**—Carlos Laciar, young brother of world champion Santos, outpointed Armando Romero in twelve rounds to retain his Córdoba junior featherweight title.(02-10-84)

▲**BARILOCHE**—Luis A. Musa halted previously unbeaten Chilean Oscar (Monzón) Benavides in the eight, lightweights.(02-10-84)

▲**MAR DEL PLATA**—Former WBA world junior bantamweight champion Gustavo Ballas weighed 118 pounds (more than usual) when stopping Juan Alberto Ivalo in seven. In his next bout, Ballas will defend his Argentine junior bantamweight title by facing Juan Carlos Cortés. During 1983, Cortés outpointed him through a questionable decision and became his first Argentine winner, a task that could not be made by Santos Laciar, who lost to Ballas.
(02-17-84)

▲**BUENOS AIRES**—The South American Boxing Federation appointed Fernando Sosa as South American featherweight champion. The title was vacated by Juan Domingo Malvares when retired last June. Then, Sosa and the Chilean champion Juvenal Lorca Ordenes were appointed to fight for the crown. However, Ordenes refused because he is based in Miami and Sosa was proclaimed.
(02-23-84)

▲**OLAVARRIA**—Jesús Romero, who is rated first in the Argentine lightweight ratings, drew with Ramon Collado in ten. Both fought within the limits of the junior welterweights.
(02-23-84)

▲**FAMAILLA**—José Helguera won the vacant Tucumán light heavyweight title through a technical decision over Juan Leiva in nine.
(02-23-84)

▲**MAR DEL PLATA**—Welterweight Carlos Prieto outclassed Panamanian Jorge Pino in ten.
(02-24-84)

▲**TUCUMAN**—Daniel Murúa and René Plaza drew in ten, junior lightweights. Benjamin del Valle Sendín halted José Flores in eight, junior featherweights.
(02-24-84)

BRAZIL

▲**SAO PAULO**—South American heavyweight champion, the Argentine Domingo (Cacho) D'Elia returned to the ring after more than one year of inactivity and was knocked out by Brazilian champion José Adilson Rodrigues in the eighth. For D'Elia, a mediocre fighter who surprisingly had been in the WBA world ratings, the hour of retirement has arrived. Rodrigues, who successfully passed the test, should move to the U.S.A. to continue his career due to the lack of suitable opponents in South America.
(02-03-84)

▲**SAO PAULO**—Since the retirement of Eder Jofre, Brazil hadn't had a good boxing champion. For this reason, newspapers and magazines are giving a great deal of relevance to the performance of Francisco (Chiquinho) de Jesús in the USA, where he outpointed Mario Maldonado through a split decision at Atlantic City. His professional record is now 18-0-0 (9 KOs) and had about 130 bouts as amateur. Chiquinho is a quiet fellow, with simple habits and his dream is to fight Thomas Hearns for the world title (a hard job indeed).

PERU

▲**LIMA**—Argentine Gerónimo Luquez knocked out Peruvian Roberto Acosta in the seven in the way to retain his WBC's Continental American lightweight title.
(02-17-84)

URUGUAY

▲**MALDONADO**—Argentine light heavyweight champion Jorge (Violín) Salgado outpointed Uruguayan Sergio González in ten. Argentine Lucio Lopez halted Uruguayan Domingo Alberto in the third, bantamweights.
(02-08-84)

VENEZUELA

▲**CARACAS**—Junior featherweight Bernardo Piñango knocked out Colombian José Sandoval in the first round.
(02-04-84)

RICARDO F. SOLANA

EUROPE

BELGIUM

▲**GILLY**—The Garcia brothers scored wins to remain unbeaten; bantamweight Francesco KO'd Lionel Jean in five, and featherweight Julio outpointed Norbert Alcade in six. The twins are the brothers of the Spanish lightweight champion Jose "Kid" Garcia. A fourth brother, Angelo, will turn professional soon.
(01-13-84)

▲**BRESSOUX**—Junior lightweight Jean-Marc Renard warmed up for a shot at the European title with a points victory over Steve Pollard.

Unbeaten light-middleweight Romain Mianzuela outpointed Robert Dormoy, eight. The 22-year-old Mianzuela has 15 wins and two draws.
(01-27-84)

▲**GILLY**—Two more wins for the Garcias. Francisco outscored Jean-Paul Guillard in six, and Julio KO'd Rafael Blanco in 3.
(02-03-84)

▲**COURCELLES**—Lights: Francisco Rodriguez beat Norbert Alcade, who retired in the fifth. Welters: Diego Martinez stopped Alain Beudechon in two.
(02-10-84)

DENMARK

▲**RANDERS**—A flabby Joe Bugner bored the Danish fans with a points victory over Anders Eklund of Sweden. The officials gave it to Bugner with scores of 98-95, 98-93, and 97-97, but it was a poor contest.

In a far better fight, Steffen Tangstad edged out Canadian Ken Lakusta. The Norwegian had built up a good record in Illinois, and with his crowd pleasing style Tangstad could find a new home in Denmark. Lakusta could have pulled off a win but he mixed periods of aggression with spells of clowning.

Ugandan Mohammed Kawoya won a split decision over Gary Knight in a light-welterweight six.

Lightweight prospect Gert Bo Jacobsen stopped former French champion Charles Jurietti in the first. The 22-year-old Jacobsen has eight wins and is worth watching.
(01-13-84)

FRANCE

▲**TOULON**—Light welterweight Mohamed Lazmany outpointed Giovanni Carrino, eight.
(11-04-83)

▲**BRUAY SUR ESCAUT**—Lights: Eric Ceriac beat Rene Kowalski, who retired in round three.
(11-05-83)

▲**STRASBOURG**—Welterweights: Richard Bankeu and Patrick Grisot drew, six.
(11-18-83)

▲**HYERES**—Lights: Roberto Forneris beat Dario Bruno on points, six.
(11-18-83)

▲**RHEIMS**—Light heavies: Serge Bolivard outpointed Achene Reffas, six.
(11-18-83)

▲**POISSY**—Light heavyweight Serge Bolivard stopped Joris Charbonnel in two.
(11-25-83)

▲**VOIRON**—Hassen Mebarki remained unbeaten with a points victory over Turk Nihat Er. The 23-year-old junior lightweight now has 12 wins and one draw.
(01-06-84)

▲**NICE**—Welterweight prospect Marc Ruocco KO'd Mustapha Yazidi in round two.

Abdelkader Marbi outpointed Nordine D'Hamani over eight rounds, the 29-year-old light welterweight has won his last 11 bouts.
(01-06-84)

▲**NEMOURS**—French lightweight champion Frederic Geoffroy had a real war with Glyn Rhodes but finally stopped his British opponent in the fifth round. Both fighters were on the canvas.
(01-13-84)

▲**EICHIROLLES**—Philippe Monin broke into the light middleweight ratings with an eight-round points victory over the Martinique veteran, Fred Coranson.
(01-13-84)

▲**EPERNAY**—Former French junior lightweight champion Daniel Londas floored Spaniard Vicente Macias twice on the way to an eight-round decision and raised his record to 25-3.
(01-14-84)

▲**LE MANS**—Leading French lightweight challenger Jimmy Kante halted Laurent Grimbert in round eight and, at the same weight, Abdel Arik outpointed Patrick Heitz, eight.
(01-20-84)

▲**MONTARGIS**—Nihat Er and Jean Baptiste Mendy drew in a junior lightweight eight, and, at the same poundage, Georges Maudet outpointed Jamel Benmeziane, six.
(01-21-84)

▲**AIX-EN-PROVENCE**—Heavyweight Taoufik Balbouni outpointed Damien Marignan in six for his sixth victory.

Cameroons middleweight Paul Tchoue raised his record to 19-1 by stopping Christian D'Helft in the third.

Light welterweight Abderharin Souihi halted Abdel Benhassen in round three.

Middleweights Andre Mongelema and Jose Rosemain drew, eight.
(01-27-84)

▲**ST. ETIENNE**—Junior lightweights Francis Tripp and Antoine Curti drew, eight.
(01-27-84)

▲**PARIS**—Helier Custos was lucky to get the verdict over Darwin Brewster in a close light middleweight eight.

Middleweight Pierre Joly scored a big upset by outpointing the Yugoslavian ex-amateur star, Miodrag Perunovic, over eight.

Junior lightweight Georges Maudet outpointed Younes Fakhour, six.
(01-30-84)

▲**MARSEILLES**—After almost five years as champion and 11 title defenses, Rudi Koopmans finally surrendered his crown and ended his career. His conqueror was the French champion, Richard Caramanolis, who put Rudi on the canvas twice in the second round and forced him to retire at the end of the eighth. Koopmans had lost only to Eddie Mustafa Muhammad in his previous 46 bouts, but had already announced that this would be his last fight.

Caramanolis has won all of his 26 fights, stopping 16 opponents.

Former WBC light welterweight champion Perico Fernandez is slipping badly, and showed how little he has left by losing to the mediocre southpaw, Hughes Samo, over eight rounds. The 31-year-old Fernandez has had 112 fights, and this was loss number 19.

Another Spanish loser on the show was Rafael Fuentes, who was forced to retire in the second round by Marc Ruocco in their welterweight bout. Marc's father, Alain, held the French welterweight title, and Marc, who has nine wins and a draw, could be on the road to the same title.

Alain Limarol, a chunky little fireball, outpointed the Spanish bantamweight, Jose I. Antunez, eight.

Heavyweight Taoufik Balbouli kayoed Ali Ludusa in two.
(02-02-84)

▲**CHALONS-SUR-MARNE**—Former French junior lightweight champion Daniel Londas beat Farid Gallouze, who was forced to retire in round four. Londas now has a 26-3 record.
(02-03-84)

▲**AIX-EN-PROVENCE**—Michel Siracusa retained his French junior lightweight title with a very close decision over veteran Sammy Meck. Sammy had lost his previous eight bouts, but looked unlucky to lose this one.

In welterweight bouts, French champion Brahim Messaoudi knocked out Francesco Gallo and Yvon Segor halted Stando Suhadolnik in round five.

Featherweight Nourredine Hamdani beat Barko Markovic, who retired in round three.
(02-10-84)

▲**MOUJINS**—Welterweight Marc Ruocco defeated Sami Baara on a sixth round retirement for win number 10 and his ninth stoppage in a row.

Jean-Marie Gambino stopped Thierry Giudice in four.
(02-10-84)

▲**PARIS**—The first four bouts of a tournament for novice light middles was held here. All four six round bouts went the distance. Georges Koffi beat Jose Bastient, Jean-Victor Santoncini beat Joel Narcam, Jean-Pierre Calvez beat Mohamed Bourahoui, and Rene Jacquot beat Patrick Grisot.
(02-10-84)

▲**FREJUS**—A similar lightweight tournament was launched with four bouts. The lone stoppage win came when Jean-Louis Courtail halted Abdoulay Ba in the sixth. Karim Rabbi beat Robert Fornerin, Jose Maillot beat Bruno Dario, and Mohamed Meddah beat Gilles Beaurain in bouts which went the full six rounds.
(02-13-84)

▲**CHATILLION-SOUS-BAGNEUX**—Sylvain Watbled continued his recovery with a points win over light heavyweight Louis Pergaud in an eight-round clash. The 29-year-old Watbled has scored two good victories since his shock knockout loss to Yawe Davis, and now has a 33-3 record.
(02-15-84)

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▲**PARIS**—A capacity crowd of 13,000 turned out to cheer their favorite, Louis Acaries, when he put his European middleweight title on the line against Tony Sibson.

A victory for Acaries would put him in line for a big money shot against Hagler, and, as Sibson had been gashed to defeat against Donald Lee only a few weeks before, French hopes were high.

Acaries is normally a slow starter, but on this occasion he took caution too far, and hardly threw a punch in the first five rounds, virtually giving the fight to Sibson.

The champion came into the fight more in the second half and rallied strongly when the cut over Sibson's eye opened again, but he was never busy enough to take control, and allowed Sibson to dictate the pace.

When Acaries did open up his punches were fast and accurate, and, surprisingly, seemed to carry more power than Sibson's, but the champion never really pressed his attacks.

Sibson claimed that his major worry was the way that Acaries used his head in the clinches and that this made him more cautious.

It was an uninspiring fight with too much clinching and mauling, but Sibson did what attacking there was and looked to have won by a clear two or three rounds.

The scoring was farcical as the officials only came up with a split decision for Sibson and managed to score 18 of the 36 rounds even.
(02-25-84)

ITALY

▲**RAVENNA**—Feathers: Francesco Tritto outpointed Dzavid Mahmutovic, six.
(10-14-83)

▲**CASERTA**—Ugandan light heavyweight Paul Muyodi stopped Pasquale Magno in two.

Lightweight Luca De Lorenzi beat Faicol Naiefer, who retired in round three.

At light welterweight, Antonio Maltempo beat Patrizio Burini, who threw in the towel in round two.

Luigi Di Lauro outpointed Hassen Hammani in a middleweight six.

Light middleweight Michele Di Luisa outpointed Marco Torregrossa, six.
(11-02-83)

▲**MONTECCHIO**—Former Italian light middleweight champion Daniele Zappaterra outscored Joe Messa, eight.

Middleweight Marco Rinaldo kayoed Stanko Sumadalm in four.
(11-05-83)

▲**PORTO SAN ELPIDIO**—Paul Muyodi outpointed middleweight Mabobo Kamumga, six.
(11-18-83)

▲**SENIGALLIA**—Austrian light heavyweight Robert Pfitscher beat Umberto Cavasin who was disqualified in the sixth.
(11-19-84)

▲**NOCCIANO**—Luciano Di Giacomo outpointed Giovanni Marchesini in a light heavyweight eight.
(11-25-83)

▲**AOSTA**—Welters: Marco Cipollino outpointed Kaolola Mbeke, six.
(12-02-83)

▲**FERRARA**—Middle Marco Rinaldo halted Boro Cupelic in two.

Light heavy Luigi Michieli kayoed Darko Barakovic in two.

Daniele Zappaterra stopped light middleweight Inino Balanba in two. Zappaterra, a 28-year-old southpaw, now has 23 wins in 26 fights.
(12-08-83)

▲**L'AQUILA**—Heavyweight hope Cesare Di Benedetto scored his fifth win by outpointing Maurice Gomis, six.
(12-08-83)

▲**FROSINONE**—Light middleweight Giuliano Antonucci outpointed Esperno Postl, eight.
(12-08-83)

▲**CORREGGIO**—Brazilian Jose Dos Santos halted Francesco Tritto in the first round of their lightweight bout.
(12-09-83)

▲**FANO**—World rated middleweight Sumbu Kalambay took his record to 27-1-1 by stopping Irwin Hines in round eight. Sumbu, from Zaire, is unbeaten in his last 26 bouts.

Venezuelan light welterweight Nelson Trujillo outpointed Malanda Kianda, six.

In a lightweight eight, Sebastiano Sotgia outpointed Bruno Simili.

Light middleweight Mario Baseotto outscored Piero Spadaccini, eight.
(12-09-83)

▲**PIEDIMONTE MATESE**—Middleweight prospect Giovanni De Marco halted Robert Dormoy in two.

Welterweight Pietro Ciarla stopped Lifetu Basilia in two.
(12-12-83)

▲**LOANO**—Alfredo Raininger retained his European junior lightweight title when challenger Francis Tripp was stopped on cuts in round six. Raininger was ahead on all scorecards at the time.

Venezuelan Fulgencio Obelmejias, now based in Italy and fighting at light heavyweight, outpointed Jeff Lampkin, eight. The 30-year-old Fully raised his record to 41-2. Lampkin is now 21-5.

Junior lightweight Francesco Mascaro outpointed Andrea Ricci, six.

Heavyweight Stefano Vassallo stopped Jacob Chanthuide in two.
(12-14-83)

▲**LIVORNO**—Light welterweight Francesco Gallo and Mosimo Maeleke drew, eight.

Middleweight Luigi Marini outpointed Muyanga, six. Welterweight Mbayo outscored Antonio Torsello, eight.
(12-16-83)

▲**MILAN**—The 20-year-old bantamweight, Salvatore La Serra, scored his 10th victory by outpointing Maurizio Lupino in a well contested eight-round bout. Tragedy struck when La Serra collapsed later and fell into a coma. He never recovered, and died three weeks later.
(12-18-83)

▲**MILAN**—Light middleweight Guiseppe Di Padova outpointed Djibril Bathily, six.
(12-19-83)

▲**POZZUOLI**—European light welterweight champion Patrizio Oliva took his winning total to 31 by outboxing and stopping Anthony Murray in the sixth.

Italian flyweight champion Ciro De Leva beat Vicente Fernandez, who was disqualified in round four.

Welterweight Gaetano Caso outpointed Kianda Malenda, six.
(12-21-83)

▲**CASERTA**—Modenico Raucci outpointed Brazilian middleweight Mauro Da Cruz, six.
(12-23-83)

▲**PIACENZA**—Argentine heavyweight Danial Falconi outpointed Maurice Gomis, six.

Junior lightweight Carlo Quintano outscored Abdoullave Ba, six.
(12-26-83)

▲**CAMPOBASSO**—Walter Giorgetti proved too strong for a very subdued John Feeney and had little trouble in retaining his European bantamweight title on scores of 119-112, 118-115, and 120-113. Feeney simply could not cope with the lunging attacks of the champion.

Italian light middleweight champion Ernesto Ros was lucky to get a draw against Wa Lomani, eight.

In six round bouts, light middleweight Giovanni De Marco outpointed Folly Muyanga, Salvatore Curcetti decisioned lightweight Cosimo Lavino, and welterweight Cipollino outpointed Joe Messa.
(12-28-83)

▲**CAPO D'ORLANDO**—Nino La Rocca wiped out Jake Torrance in the first round.

European middleweight champion Louis Acaries halted Larry Rayford in seven.

Light middleweight Calisto Bavaresco outscored Mayee Mabele, six, and now has 13 wins and one draw.

Lightweight Lorenzo Giappone beat Vincenzo Eliodori, who was disqualified in round three.

Ugandan light heavyweight M'Beya outpointed Zolameso of Zaire, six.
(12-29-83)

▲**RIVA DEL GARDA**—Loris Stecca warmed up for his shot at the WBA junior featherweight title by stopping Jeff Hannah in the fifth round. The 23-year-old Italian has 32 wins and one draw with 22 stoppages.

In junior lightweight matches over eight rounds, unbeaten Tunisian Bou Ali Kamel outpointed Marcial Santiago and Aniello Jovino lifted his record to 15-2 by outpointing Sammy Meck.

Light middleweight Efisio Galici outpointed Mabele Mayele, six.
(01-13-84)

▲**MARSALA**—On the undercard of the Santos Laciar-Juan Herrera match, Nino La Rocca stopped Californian Tim Harris in round five.

Heavyweight Daniel Falconi outscored Britain's Steve Gee, six.

Patrizio Oliva outpointed Jerome Artis, 10.

Welterweight bouts saw Lorenzo Giappone halt Dan Nsubuga in four and Antonio Cali stop Wa Tshiyekele in two.

Flyweight Francesco De Marco outpointed Juan Acosta, six.
(01-28-84)

▲**CAPO D'ORLANDO**—After 56 wins in a row, Nino La Rocca finally suffered his first defeat and it caused a riot. La Rocca was challenging Gilles Elbilia for the Frenchman's European welterweight title, and was a hot favorite. The fighters clashed heads in the very first round and both suffered cuts, Elbilia's was a nick, but La Rocca's was a bad gash over his left eye.

Referee Mike Jacobs made periodic examinations as the gash widened, but despite the cut La Rocca dominated the action and won most of the early rounds with his jab and movement.

By the sixth round, La Rocca's eye was a mess and Jacobs called the ringside doctor, who advised that the fight be stopped. The crowd promptly rioted, and the Italian doctor was beaten up. Jacobs had to fight his way to the dressing room in the middle of a police escort.

All of the officials had La Rocca well ahead, but the cut needed 20 stitches and the stoppage was justified.
(02-18-84)

MALTA

▲**VALLETA**—In a rare promotion here, the Italian heavyweight Rinaldo Pelizzari, outpointed Peter Mulindwa of Uganda, 10.
(12-14-83)

▲**BILBAO**—It was third time lucky for Andoni Amana as he finally defeated veteran Jose Hernandez to win the Spanish light middleweight title. This was a 10-round bout.

EUROPEAN RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lucien Rodriguez (France)
1. Alfredo Evangelista (Spain)
2. Frank Bruno (England)
3. David Pearce (Wales)
4. Stefan Tangstad (Norway)
5. Sylvain Watbled (France)
6. Angelo Rottoli (Italy)
7. Joe Bugner (England)
8. Daniel Laghi (Italy)
9. Guido Trane (Italy)
10. Rainer Hartmann (Germany)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Richard Caramanolis (France)
1. Manfred Jassman (Germany)
2. Alex Blanchard (Holland)
3. Rufino Angulo (France)
4. Walter Cevoli (Italy)
5. Dennis Andries (England)
6. Tom Collins (England)
7. Gennaro Mauriello (Italy)
8. Devon Bailey (England)
9. Alessandro Casanova (Italy)
10. Enrico Scacchia (Switzerland)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Sibson (England)
1. Mark Kaylor (England)
2. Louis Acaries (France)
3. Roy Gumbs (England)
4. Stephane Ferrara (France)
5. Aldo Buzzetti (Italy)
6. Frank Winterstein (France)
7. Georg Steinherr (Germany)
8. Jimmy Price (England)
9. Errol Christie (England)
10. Tarmo Uusivirta (Finland)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Herol Graham (England)
1. Luigi Minchillo (Italy)
2. Jimmy Cable (England)
3. Germain Le Maitre (France)
4. Prince Rodney (England)
5. Nick Wilshire (England)
6. Said Skouma (France)
7. Ernesto Ros (Italy)
8. Daniel Zappaterra (Italy)
9. Richard Rodriguez (France)
10. Philipe Minin (France)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Gilles Elbilia (France)
1. Nino LaRocca (Italy)
2. Colin Jones (Wales)
3. Kirkland Laing (England)
4. Gianfranco Rosi (Italy)
5. Lloyd Honeyghan (England)
6. Ace Rusevski (Yugoslavia)
7. Brahim Messoudi (France)
8. Everaldo Costa (Italy)
9. Jean-Marie Touatti (France)
10. Frankie De Caestecker (Belgium)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
1. Clinton McKenzie (England)
2. Giovanni Gimenez (Italy)
3. Ramon Gomez-Fouz (Spain)
4. Terry Marsh (England)
5. Giuseppe Martinese (Italy)
6. Michel Giroud (Switzerland)
7. Antonio Guinaldo (Spain)
8. Roberto Gambini (France)
9. Tek Nkalankete (France)
10. Winston Spencer (England)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Lucio Cusma (Italy)
1. George Feeney (England)
2. Rene Weller (Germany)
3. Ray Cattouse (England)
4. Sebastian Sotgia (Italy)
5. Tony Willis (England)
6. Frederick Geoffroy (France)
7. Gert Bo Jacobsen (Denmark)
8. Jose Antonio Garcia (Spain)
9. Manfred Findenig (Austria)
10. Paul Chance (England)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Alfredo Raininger (Italy)
1. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (England)
2. Roberto Castanon (Spain)
3. Jean Marc Renard (Belgium)
4. Michel Siracusa (France)
5. Daniel Londas (France)
6. Vicente Jorge (Spain)
7. Marco Gallo (Italy)
8. Carlos Hernandez (Spain)
9. Jose Luis Vicho (Spain)
10. Carlos M. Rodriguez (Spain)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Barry McGuigan (Ireland)
1. Loris Stecca (Italy)
2. Salvatore Melluzzo (Italy)
3. Valerio Nati (Italy)
4. Steve Sims (Wales)
5. Giuseppe La Vite (Italy)
6. Frank Lussi (France)
7. Sepp Iten (Switzerland)
8. Esteban Eguia (Spain)
9. Salvatore Bottiglieri (Italy)
10. Pasquale Mazza (Italy)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Walter Giorgetti (Italy)
1. Giuseppe Fossati (Italy)
2. Ciro De Leva (Italy)
3. John Feeney (England)
4. Paolo Castrovilli (Italy)
5. Davey Larmour (Ireland)
6. Kamel Djadda (France)
7. Alain Limarol (France)
8. Ray Gilbody (England)
9. Roy Somer (Holland)
10. Jose Antunez (Spain)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Antoine Montero (France)
1. Charlie Magri (England)
2. Keith Wallace (England)
3. Franco Cherchi (Italy)
4. Hugh Russell (Ireland)
5. Kelvin Smart (Wales)
6. Gianpiero Pinna (Italy)
7. Duke McKenzie (England)
8. Giovanni Camputaro (Italy)
9. Mariano Garcia (Spain)
10. Enrique Rodriguez (Spain)

In a second Spanish title bout, Jose (Kid) Garcia held on to his crown with a 10-round draw against former champion Hugo Carrizo.

In a welterweight eight, Angel Miguel Suarez outpointed former champion Alfonso Redondo.
(01-06-84)

ERIC ARMIT

GERMANY

▲**FRANKFORT—Sporthalle South**—Reiner Hartmann, 211, outscored veteran Rudi Gauwe, 209, Belgium, eight.

Jose Varela, 152, Spain, now based in Germany, TKO'd Nazario Mariotti, 158½, Italy, in the sixth round. Georg Grabarz, referee. The 26-year-old Mariotti, who turned professional in 1980, has now lost seven of his 23 bouts.

Darko Celinger, 154½, Yugoslavia, knocked out Mathias Wirth, 158½, Germany, in the second. Artur Ellensen, referee.

John Rubin, 132, Hungary, stopped Harry Theodossidis, 141, the locally based Greek, who retired with an injury after five rounds.

Ralf Rocchigiani, 180, Germany, outpointed Alan Ash, 178, Great Britain, six.

Graciano Rocchigiani, Germany, outpointed Mauricio da Cruz, Italy, six, middles.

Hessen Box Team.
(02-10-84)

▲**HAMBURG—Alsterdorfer Hall**—This, the first pro boxing show in Hamburg in five years, was a financial flop. A crowd of less than 2,000 turned out for promoter Jurgen Pedersen and matchmaker Fritz Weine.

Erwin Heiber, Hamburg, won the Germany light middleweight crown with a majority decision over the defending champ, Andre Emmerich, 10. Referee Grabarz scored it a draw, but he was overruled by the two judges.

Jose Varela, the German-based Spaniard, halted Billy Waith, Great Britain, in the third round, junior middles. Referee Grabarz halted the bout.

Graciano Rocchigiani, Germany, outpointed Mick Morris, Britain, six. Philipp, referee. Both middleweights are southpaws.

John Munduga, Uganda, but now based in Germany, TKO'd Britain's Lloyd Christie, in the sixth round, welters. Munduga is unbeaten in 11 bouts.

Ralf Rocchigiani outscored Helmut Ulka, six, light heavies. Bibow, referee.

German light heavyweight champion Manfred Jassmann clearly outscored Pierre Bao Kabassu, Zaire, now residing in Luxembourg, eight.

German middleweight Andres Prox outpointed Henk van den Tak, Holland, six.

JACK A. TREE

UNITED KINGDOM

▲**LONDON—Royal Albert Hall**—Jimmy Cable, Orpington, 154, won the vacant British light-middleweight title by outpointing Nick Wilshire, Bristol, 153, over 12 by 118-117. Cable is managed by Doug Bidwell, who guided Alan Minter to a World title.

The championship became vacant when champion Prince Rodney was sidelined with injury. Cable and Wilshire had met in May 1983, and Jimmy twice had to get off the canvas to outpoint Nick over ten rounds.

This time there were no knockdowns, and in a cracking contest Cable boxed beautifully in spite of fierce opposition from Wilshire, and was a worthy winner.

Wilshire had the benefit of recent American experience, where manager Mickey Duff and trainer George Francis saw to it that he got the right fights and the right training. This then was the build-up to their return fight.

Cable worked to a plan, and kept to it. He jabbed accurately, drew his opponent's leads, and countered with hooks and uppercuts. He showed a greate variety of punches, and coped efficiently with his opponent's aggression.

Round three was a good one for Wilshire. He scored with a hefty left hook and following right, and Cable retreated, not from choice, but from the force of his opponent's attack. But he quickly recovered his poise, and even when Whilshire got through Cable replied in the ratio of 2-1, which increased as the fight progressed.

A distinct contrast in styles, boxer versus fighter, and something that produced a contest that the crowd appreciated. both men were superbly fit, and although Wilshire was dropping behind he never relaxed in his efforts to get on terms. A puncher is always dangerous at any period of the fight, so Cable had to stay alert.

By the ninth Cable looked on top and was able to land one or two useful right uppercuts. Wilshire was keeping up the aggression, but was being outboxed. When Wilshire stepped up the pace in round eleven Cable punched with him in a "survival of the fittest" battle.

The final round had the same patterrn, with Wilshire still on the attack, and Cable moving around the ring, jabbing out his left to good effect.

Afterwards Cable said he had boxed the last five rounds with an injured right hand, but was determined to keep going.

Wilshire's unbeated run of 19 fights thus came to an end, but he fought his heart out, and he will come again. The fact was that on the night the 26-year-old Cable deserved his victory.

Rocky Kelly, Acton, 146¾, won the vacant Southern Area welter crown by outpointing Chris Sanigar, Bristol, 144¾, over ten by a narrow 98-97½. Afterwards Sanigar announced his retirement from the ring, but it is by no means impossible that he will change his mind.

It was a fine job for Kelly, rated No. 14 on the British scene, with Sanigar in No. 8 spot.

Kelly just kept punching away, and just as it seemed that he was tiring from his own exertions, back he would come.

It was a crowd-pleasing encounter, with fortunes fluctuating, and both were marked, Sanigar by the eye, and Kelly on the forehead and by the right eye. He also bled from the nose.

Sanigar's right jabs landed often, but whereas he was normally content with single punches, Kelly punched away with both hands whenever he got near enough.

There was plenty of action in every round, and there was little between them at any time. A fight that will be remembered and talked about for some time.

R.W. Smith, St. Ives, 151¾, kept his unbeaten recored by defeating John Ridgman, Boreham Wood, 154¼, the bout being stopped in round three after the latter had been floored.

Tony Adams, 146, beat Frank McCord, Swansea, 145¾, the referee intervening early in the eight and final round with McCord under pressure.

Chris Pyatt, Leicester, 148¼, was another who remained unbeated after winning every round against Judas Clottey, Ghana and Liverpool, 148¼, scoreline 80-76 after eight.
(02-22-84)

▲**LONDON—Bloomsbury Crest Hotel**—Commonwealth flyweight champion Keith Wallace, 118, decisively outpointed Spaniard Esteban Eguia, 119½, over ten by 99-97½.

It was Wallace's first fight for two months, his last being a defeat by Antoine Montero for the European flyweight title. This time he scaled bang on the bantam limit, although it has been said that he has no difficulty in weighing 112.

There was plenty of action, and although Wallace was worth his victory he encountered strong opposition from the Spaniard, who caught him with several good right hands.

Wallace did all the forcing, with Eguia countering. The latter was proving a talented opponent, but his blows lacked power, and were not stong enough to stop Wallace coming forward and firing away with both hands.

Eguia insisted on standing between rounds, something which I had always thought looked good but was not particularly wise.

But it must be admitted that Eguia took a punch well, and even Wallace's best shots didn't seem to worry him unduly. the Spaniard's best punch came in round five, when he caught Keith with a left to the body that looked as if it hurt. For reasons best known to himself, Eguia didn't repeat the punch.

As the fight progressed Wallace's strength gradually wore down his opponent, and the last three rounds were a bit of a struggle for the Spaniard to survive.

Both tired, they punched it out toe-to-toe in the final round, Wallace's right hand landing frequently on his opponent's head. Then, just as it seemed that the Spaniard must wilt, back he came. The fans loved it.

So a good return by Wallace, and the fact that he won against tough opposition should do him a world of good.

Footnote—Eguia has been nominated as official contender for Barry McGuigan's European *featherweight* title. There will be a few red faces about after *bantamweight* Eguia's defeat by Wallace.

Errol Christie, 162½, continued his winning run at the expense of Frenchman Joel Bonnetaz, 162½, who showed a marked reluctance to join in the proceedings. The fight was stopped in round three after Joel had been down a couple of times, and went down without being hit, which earned him a warning.

Christie did what he had to do in clinical manner, but it was all too easy. The Frenchman just wasn't in the same class. It was Christie's tenth win in a row, and he looks ready for the top men.

Mike Harris, Swansea, 143½, outpointed Devin Pritchard, Liverpool, 141½, over eight by 79-77½. A bout that wasn't arranged until the afternoon of the show, and which proved interesting, rather than eventful. The scoreline perhaps flattered the winner.

Mickey Kilgallon, Peckham, 145¾, beat Shaun Campbell, 151¾, the referee intervening in round three after Campbell had been down.

Debutant Alan Coveley, Bethnal Green, 120, started well by beating Billy Joe Dee, Alfreton, 125½, the bout being stopped in round three with the latter under pressure.

Martin Patrick, Tottenham, 158, outscored Phil O'Hare, Manchester, 156½, by 79-78 over eight.
(02-01-84)

▲**LONDON—Bethnal Green**—Mo Hussein, West Ham, 138, Kayoed Paul Cook, Bethnal Green, 138, in round three, rallying splendidly after himself being floored in the opening session. by a left hook.

Hussein survived, was also on the receiving end in round two, when he had a swelling by the left eye, but kept going, and in the third dropped his man with a short left hook. Cook beat the count, but Hussein kept up a relentless attack until the referee's intervention.

Peter Harris, Swansea, 117¾, drew with Ivor Jones, Holloway, 120, over eight. Jones was returning after inactivity due to an operation. The fans enjoyed this one, and threw in nobbins.

Jim Mcdonnell, Camden, 134, kept his unbeaten record and didn't lose a round in outpointing Gerry Beard, Nottingham, 134, over eight by 80-77. Due to a clash of heads McDonnell was cut by the left eye in round four, but good cornerwork stemmed the bleeding.

Debutant Steve Griffiths, Finchley, 133, beat Phil Duke, Plymouth, 131, the referee intervening in round three. Duke had appeared to slip into a sitting position on the bottom rope, and protested at the stoppage.

Dace Sullivan, Plymouth, 156, defeated Dave Hall, Leyton, 156½, the bout being stopped in round three when Hall was cut by the left eye.

Bill Cassidy, 180, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Glenroy Taylor, Chiswick, 178½, over six by 59½-58½.
(02-06-84)

▲**LONDON—Alan Minter International Sporting Club**—Devon Bailey, 173½, leading contender for the British light-heavyweight title, beat Northern Ireland champion Liam Coleman, 176, the referee intervening in round seven after Coleman had been down.

Coleman was warbed for alleged low blows in round three, and both were later warned for mauling tactics. From then on Bailey forged ahead, and in round seven Coleman was driven to his knees from body blows. When he rose the bout was stopped.

Debutant Glen McCrory, Durham, 193½, looked good in beating Barry Ellis, Clapham, 207, the bout being halted in the opening round with Ellis taking punishment on the ropes.

Dennis O'Brien, Acton, 147¼, beat Tony Kempson, Blackpool, 147, the referee intervening in round five after Kempson had taken a right to the chin and was dazed.

Newton Barnett, Camberwell, 156¼, outpointed Cliff Eastwood, Epsom, 153, over six by 59½-58.
(02-06-84)

▲**MAIDENHEAD—Magnet Leisure Centre**—T.P. Jenkins, Brentford, 161, kept his unbeaten record by defeating Doug James, Swansea, 161¼, the referee calling a halt with James taking punishment.

When these two met before the result was an exciting draw, and this one also proved a real crowd-pleaser with the fans tossing in nobbins afterwards.

Jenkins did well to survive the handicap of cuts by both eyes, for which four stiches were required. A left hook did the trick in the seventh, James' knees buckled, and Jenkins just kept punching away until the intervention.

Gary Nickels, Paddington, outpointed Stuart Carmichael, Hull, not losing one of the eight rounds with a scoreline of 80-77. But Carmichael did a lot better than the scoreline suggests.

Harry Cowap, Balham, 176, outscored substitute Alex Romeo, Nottingham, over eight by 79½-77.

Sam Reeson, Battersea, kept his unbeaten record by outpointing John Josephs, Hayes, by 79-77 over eight.

Debutant Davey Moore, Maidenhead, 138, beat Michael Betts, Norwich, 140, the bout being stopped in round three with the latter taking punishment.

Kevin Webb, Battersea, outpointed Ian Martin, Croydon, over six by a narrow 59-58½ in a light-middleweight bout.
(02-03-84)

▲**LIVERPOOL—Liver Sporting Club**—George Schofield, Liverpool, 144, drew with Robert Lloyd, Rhyl, 143, over eight. Plenty of action, and a popular result. Schofield finished with a swelling by the left eye.

Edward lloyd, Rhyl, didn't lose a round in outpointing Paul Keers, Hartlepool, 138, over six by 60-57.

Terry Magee, Ammanford, 162, beat Craig Edwards, Shotton, 163, the referee stopping it in round three after Edwards had been decked five times.

Wayne Barker, Manchester, 158, kayoed John Hargin, Corby, in round four.
(02-06-84)

▲**DUDLEY—Town Hall**—George Feeney, Hartlepool, 134, had to pull out all the stops in order to keep his British lightweight title by outpointing Paul Chance, Wednesbury, 133½, over twelve. The margin of 118½-116, was clear enough, but Chance contested every issue and made it a gruelling encounter, much appreciated by the fans.

This was Feeney's second successful defence, so he has won a Lonsdale Belt outright. He used his superior height and reach to good effect, but was never allowed to relax.

Chance's best work came in the early rounds, when at times he took the initiative and fought back vigorously when his opponent attacked, but after the halfway stage Feeney got on top and kept on top. The champion produced a greater variety of punches and landed the cleaner blows.

As the fight progressed it was evident that Chance was fighting a losing battle, but he was certainly making it a battle. The main difference was that his best shots had no effect on the champion, who was punching harder and more accurately.

A cleanly fought bout between two contestants who gave all they had and deserve a lot of credit.

Steve Topliss, Melbourne, 126, kept his Midlands Area featherweight title by outpointing Alec Irvine, Corby, for the third time, scorline after ten being 99-97.

Deka Williams, West Bromwich, 183, avenged a previous loss by beating Colin Flute, 183, the referee intervening at the end of round two when Flute was cut by the right eye.

Shane Silvester, West Bromwich, beat Andy Green, Birmingham, the bout being stopped in round five after Green had been down. This was a lightweight bout.

Dave Garside Hartlepool, 214 didn't lose a round in outpointing Al Malcolm, 210, Birmingham, over six by 60-57. Malcolm was down twice.

Dan Myers, Northampton, 148, outpointed Johnny Burns, Birmingham, 149, over six by a narrow 59-58½.
(02-10-84)

▲**MANCHESTER—New Country Hall**—Jimmy Price, Liverpool, 162, made it eleven straight wins by beating Manuel Jiminez, Puerto Rico, 161, who retired in the tenth and final round.

Jiminez managed to keep upright, but was out of his class. Price must have won every round, and was hitting his opponent at will when the retirement came.

Steve Johnson, Liverpool didn't lose a round in outpointing Willie Wright, Birmingham, 163, by 80-76½, over eight. Wright's contribution was more than the scoreline suggests. Johnson was cut by the right eye in round six, but it didn't seem to bother him.

Mal Kirk, Manchester, 177, won every round in outpointing Eddie Cooper, Bradford, 177, by 60-57 over six, and the latter did well to keep going until the end.

Les Walsh, Manchester, 124, drew with John Doherty, Bradford, 125, over six.

▲**ELTHAM—Yorkshire Grey**—Tony Britton, Lewisham, 159¼, outpointed Jackie Sharp, Eltham, over eight by 79-78. Both were marked. Britton was cut by the left eye, and Sharp bled from the nose and had a swelling by the left eye. A hard-fought bout.

Tim Gladwish, Hastings, 150, beat Sam Omidi, Plymouth, 156, the referee intervening in round five with Omidi still upright, but shipping punishment.

Billy Hardy, Sunderland, 121¼, beat Steve Benny, Liverpool, 126, the referee halting the action at the end of round five with Benny cut by the right eye. Maloney was grazed by the right eye and bled from the nose. Benny can consider himself a little unlucky, as he looked in front.
(02-13-84)

▲**WOLVERHAMPTON—Sporting Club**—Gerry Beard, Not-

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Trevor Berbick (Canada)
1. Frank Bruno (England)
2. Joe Bugner (England)
3. Gordon Racette (Canada)
4. David Pearce (Wales)
5. Ken Lakusta (Canada)
6. Maile Haumona (Tonga)
7. Proud Kilimanjaro (Zimbabwe)
8. Funso Banjo (England)
9. George Stankovich (New Zealand)
10. Noel Quarless (England)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Vacant
1. John Odhiambo (Uganda)
2. Bashiru Ali (Nigeria)
3. Stewart Lithgo (England)
4. Roddy McDonald (Canada)
5. Steve Aczel (Australia)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
1. Tony Mundine (Australia)
2. Mustapha Wasajja (Uganda)
3. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
4. Dennis Andries (England)
5. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
6. Tom Collins (England)
7. Alex Sua (New Zealand)
8. Don LaLonde (Canada)
9. Prince Mama Muhammad (Ghana)
10. Wally Carr (Australia)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Mark Kaylor (England)
1. Tony Sibson (England)
2. Murray Sutherland (Canada)
3. Roy Gumbs (England)
4. Errol Christie (England)
5. Richie Roberts (Australia)
6. Steve Dennis (Australia)
7. Alex Hilton (Canada)
8. Brian Muller (Guyanan)
9. Jimmy Prince (England)
10. Hunter Clay (Nigeria)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Herol Graham (England)
1. Mike McCallum (Jamaica)
2. John Mugabi (Uganda)
3. Kenny Bristol (Guyana)
4. Ken Salisbury (Australia)
5. Jimmy Cable (England)
6. Brian Anderson (England)
7. Nick Wilshire (England)
8. Nelson Bosso (Zimbabwe)
9. Steve Renwick (Australia)
10. Lawrence Austin (Australia)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Colin Jones (Wales)
1. Kirkland Laing (England)
2. Mario Cusson (Canada)
3. Dave Hilton (Canada)
4. Frank Ropis (Australia)
5. Lloyd Honeyghan (England)
6. Mark Harris (Guyana)
7. Sakarai Ve (Tonga)
8. Fitzroy Giueseppe (Belize)
9. Fighting Romanus (Nigeria)
10. Cliff Gilpin (England)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Billy Famous (Nigeria)
1. Clinton McKenzie (England)
2. Obisia Nwankpa (Nigeria)
3. Brian Janssen (Australia)
4. Jeff Malcolm (Australia)
5. Nick Furlano (Canada)
6. Terry Marsh (England)
7. Pat Leglise (Australia)
8. Vernon Vanreil (England)
9. Winston Spencer (England)
10. Gary Knight (England)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
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1. George Feeney (England)
2. Barry Michael (Australia)
3. Davidson Andeh (Nigeria)
4. Ray Cattouse (England)
5. Hogan Jimoh (Nigeria)
6. Remo DiCarlo (Canada)
7. Graeme Brooke (Australia)
8. Pierre Huneault (Canada)
9. Tony Willis (England)
10. Sam Ago Kotey (Ghana)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
John Sichula (Zambia)
1. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (England)
2. John Muwanga (Tanzania)
3. Safiu Okeibadan (Nigeria)
4. Brian Schofield (Australia)
5. Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Azumah Nelson (Ghana)
1. Barry McGuigan (No. Ireland)
2. Charm Chiteule (Zambia)
3. Kabiru Akendele (Nigeria)
4. Clyde Ruan (England)
5. Steve Sims (Wales)
6. Jey Nardo (Zimbabwe)
7. Paul Huggins (England)
8. Tony Salvatore (Canada)
9. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
10. Eric Boone (Nigeria)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Paul Ferreri (Australia)
1. Mike Irungu (Kenya)
2. Francis Musankabala (Zambia)
3. John Feeney (England)
4. Davy Larmour (No. Ireland)
5. Stix Macloud (Zimbabwe)
6. Hector Clottey (Ghana)
7. Jeff Roberts (Guyana)
8. Ray Gilbody (England)
9. John Farrell (England)
10. Dave George (Wales)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Keith Wallace (England)
1. Charlie Magri (England)
2. Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
3. Ian Clyde (Canada)
4. Hugh Russell (No. Ireland)
5. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
6. Steve Bell (Australia)
7. Junior Thompson (Australia)
8. Duke McKenzie (England)
9. Bobby Williams (Australia)
10. Ray Amoo (Nigeria)

tingham, 137, drew with Adey Allen, 136, over eight. Allen was aggressive throughout, with Beard superior at long range.

Ronnie Fraser, Birmingham, 161, outpointed Ian Martin, Droydon, 160, over six by 59½-58½. Martin's best work came at the end, but much too late to affect the issue.

Colin Anderson, Leicester, 134, outpointed debutant Peter Bowen, Wednesbury, 135, by a narrow 59-58½, over six.

Steve Craggs, Bedworth, 134, outscored Mike Durvan, Penge, 135, over six.

Elvis Morton, Leicester, 148, didn't lose a round in outpointing debutant Mark Hynes, Rugeley, 148, over six by 60-57½.
(02-14-84)

▲MANCHESTER—Anglo American Sporting Club—Wayne Crolls, Manchester, 155, avenged his only previous defeat by outpointing Gordon Pratt, Stockton, 148, over eight by 79½-77.

Lennie Gloster, Peterborough 143, beat Peter Flanagan, Manchester, 142, the referee intervening only half a minute before the end of the sixth and final round when Flanagan was cut by the left eye, which needed three stitches. Hard luck on Flanagan in what looked like an even contest.

Ray Murray, Manchester, 145, outpointed debutant Kevin Saunders, Peterborough, 151, over six by 59½-58.

Mike Fargarley, Manchester, 166, beat Dave Mowbray, Alfreton, 166, the bout being halted in round two when Mowbray was cut by the right eye. They had previously won one each, against each other.
(02-13-84)

▲LONDON—National Sporting Club—Ray Gilbody, St. Helens, 118, beat Dave Georg, Swansea, 117, the referee stopping the fight in round two after George had been floored three times. This was an official elimanator for the British bantamweight title.

Gunther Roomes, Eltham, 147, defeated Robert Armstrong, Doncaster, 148, the bout being halted in round four after Armstrong had been down twice.

Debutant Nicky Day, Southampton, 137, drew with Colin Anderson, Leicester, 135½, six.
(02-20-84)

▲RHYL—Florddias Social Club—Rocky Feliciello, Rbyl, 152¾, won the vacant Welsh light middleweight title by beating John McGlynn, Swansea, 151½, the referee intervening in round eight with McGlynn under severe pressure.

Feliciello thus became the first Rhyl boxer to win a Welsh title for 19 years. Last to do so was heavyweight Carl Gizzi, who was there to see Rocky's triumph.

Tommy McCallum, Edinburgh, 149, outpointed George Schofield, Liverpool, 144½, by 79-78 over eight. McCallum had all the physical advantages, but had a swelling by the left eye, and later a cut that needed three stitches.

John Drummond, Rhyl, 122, outpointed John Mwaimu, Manchester, over six by a narrow 59-58½, and a decision that did not meet with general approval. Drummond had a swelling by the left eye.

Dave Bryan, Rhyl, 129½, comfortably outscored Mohammed Lovelock, Manchester, 129½, over six by 59½-58.
(02-17-84)

▲SOUTHBEND—20th Century Sporting Club—Joe Lynch, Plymouth, 146, outpointed Tony Batty, Walthamstow, 151, by a narrow 59-58½. Batty was down briefly in round five, but finished strongly in this six rounder.

Dario D'Abreu, Cardiff, 152, outpointed Trevor Hopson, Billericay, 149, in another close one, scoreline 59-58½ over six.

Geoff Rhymer, Hull, 178, beat Mark Pearson, Cardiff, 180, the bout being stopped in round five to save the latter further punishment. Pearson was making his pro debut.

Frankie Lake, Bournemouth, 143, drew with Kevin Johnson, Birmingham, 145, over six.
(02-14-84)

▲BASILDON—Festival Hall—Mick Courtney, Chorley Wood, 153, defeated Arthur Davis, Orpington, 154, who retired in round six with an eye injury that needed four stitches. Courtney looked in front

Lenny Howard, Chelmsford, 174½, beat Gypsy Carmen, Norfolk, 175, who retired at the end of the opening round with a cut by the left eye.

Nicky Ellaway, Rochford, 143, outpointed debutant Charlie (brother of Gypsy) Carmen, 142, over six by 59½-58½. Carmen was down in round five.

Teddy Anderson, Wickford, 135½, outpointed Kenny Watson, Sydenham, 135, over six by 59-58½.

Another points winner was Danny Sullivan, Enfield, 151, who beat substitute Danny Myers, Northampton, 151, scoreline 59-58.

Ronnie Shinkwin, Borehamwood, 138, outscored John Faulkner, Northampton, 137, over six by 59½-58½.
(02-16-84)

▲BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club—Ian Lazarus, Leeds, 173½, outpointed Bernie Kavanagh, Liverpool, 173, to win the vacant Central Area light-heavyweight title. Scoreline 99-98 after ten.

Kavanagh started in promising fashion, but once Lazarus got the range he gradually forged ahead. However, Kavanagh came strongly at the close.

Stuart Carmichael, Hull, 127½, drew with Steve Enwright, Halifax, 123, over six.

Debutant Sammy Sampson, Preston, 156½, outpointed Dave Dunn, Rosendale, 161, over six by 59½-58½.

Frankie Morrow, Ghana, 147½, started his British campaign with a conclusive win, not losing a round in outpointing Mickey Bird, Alfreton, 149, over six by 60-59.

On the way home a tragedy occurred affecting members of Bernie Kavanagh's family. His father, cousin and a friend were killed in a car crash. Two of his brothers were seriously injured, as were three other people.
(02-20-84)

▲BIRMANGHAM—Arden Sporting Club—Granville Allen, Wednesday, 143, beat Patsy Quinn, Belfast, 144, the bout being stopped in round three when the latter was cut by the left eye. Quinn had been inactive for nearly a year.

Tony McKenzie, Leicester, 139, beat David Irving, Belfast, 140, the referee intervening in round three after Irving had been down twice. A good recovery by McKenzie, who had looked in a bit of trouble in the previous round.

Steve Hanna, Belfast, 122, won every one of the six rounds in outpointing Shane Sylvester, West Nromwich, 120, who was down in round two.

Kenny Walsh, Birmingham, 121, drew with David McAuley, 118, over six.

Phil Sheridan, Birmingham, 142, gained a narrow points win over debutant Steve Friel, Derry, 142. Scoreline 59-58½ after six.
(02-27-84)

▲GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club—Ian McLeod, Edinburgh, 137¼, outpointed Keith Foreman, Hartlepool, 138, over eight by 78½-78.

Jim McIntosh, Edinburgh, 150, outpointed Frank Lorro, Ghana, currently based in Liverpool, 150, over eight by 79½-78½. Lorro was cut by the left eye in round seven.

Albert Buchanan, Dundee, 148, gained a narrow points victory over Peter Phillips, Dinnington, 150, scoreline 59-58½ over six. There were a lot of infringements, and both were warned on several occasions.

Mike McKenzie, Perth, 147, beat Jim Hunter, Glasgow, 150, the referee intervening in round three after Hunter had been down twice.
(02-27-84)

▲NOTTINGHAM—Great International Sporting Club—Steve Boyle, Glasgow, 135¼, defeated Willie Wilson, Nottingham, 133½, the bout being halted in round three when Wilson was cut on the forehead.

Dave Foley, Doncaster, 170½, outscored Lew Johnson, Nottingham, 160½, over six by 59-58. Johnson was down twice briefly in round one, but fought back with great spirit in spite of conceding so much weight.

Neville Fivey, Coventry, 133, narrowly outpointed George Baigrie, Glasgow, over six by 59-58½.

Dean Bramhall, Doncaster, 132½, easily outpointed Joey Dee, Alfreton, 132, over six by 59½-58½.
(02-27-84)

▲EVESHAM—Dave Pratt, Leicester, 133½, outpointed Steve James, Merthyr, 129, over eight by a narrow 78½-78. The action was fast and furious, and although Pratt tired towards the close, his cleaner and more accurate punching gave him the edge.

Debutant Andy Debrue, Cardiff, 129, outpointed Dean Bramhall, doncaster, 130, over six by 59½-58.

Another debutant, Stuart Robinson, 161, didn't lose a round in outpointing Carlo Giorni, Swindon, 161, by 60-57½ over six.

Nigel Burke, Newport, 138, drew with Dave Stokes, Leicester, 138, over six. A real crowd-pleaser.

Mark Hynes, Rugeley, 148, beat Elvis Morton, Leicester, 149, the referee intervening in round one after Morton had been floored. A week earlier Morton had outpointed Hynes, not losing a round.
(02-22-84)

▲DIGBETH—Civic Hall—Errol Christie, Coventry, 160, made it 11 in a row by disposing of American Dexter Bowman, 159, in two rounds. The bout was stopped after the American had been decked by a left to the head and was taking punishment without replying.

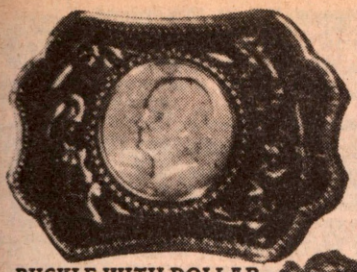
It was all too easy for Christie, who did what he had to do as quickly as possible. What he now needs is tougher opposition, but it is understandable that not many British fighters relish meeting him.

Midlands Area champion Kostas Petrou, Birmingham, 143, made it 13 straight victories by beating Jeff Decker, Whitley Bay, 144, the bout being stopped in round five when Decker was cut by the left eye.

There were several head clashes and both had eye injuries. Good cornerwork managed to keep Petrou's under control, but Decker's would not yield to treatment. It was anybody's fight at that stage.

Johnny Andrews, Islington, 148, outpointed Gordon Pratt, Stockton, 148, over eight by 79½-77. A great fight that brought nobbins of £58.

Dean ScarfeHackney, 154, kayoed John Langol, Birmingham, 154, in round two. An astonishing result, Langol just collapsing after putting Scarf down twice in the opening round, and again in round two.



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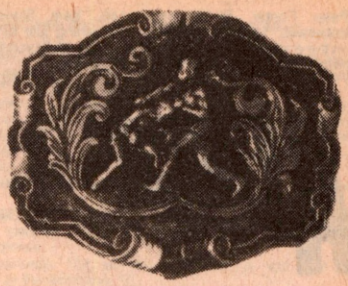

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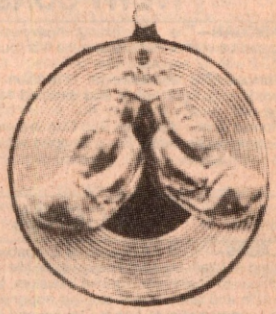

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Peter Foster, Birmingham, 146, beat Steve Elwood, Camberwell, 145½, the referee intervening just nine seconds from the end of the sixth and final round when Elwood was cut by the right eye. Foster was down in round five.

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IVORY COAST

▲**ABIDJAN**—The big hitting heavyweight, Mary Konate, stopped Lawrence Roberson in the first round to raise his record to 12-2 with 12 kayoes.

Former ABU middleweight champion Jean Marie Emebe moved up to light heavy and stopped Mauro Hernandez Da Cruz.

Ronald Zenon drew with Bob Clay in a welterweight 10 and, in the same division, Joel Brival stopped Adrien Boizo in the first.
(02-10-84)

NIGERIA

▲**LAGOS**—Proud Kilimanjaro of Zimbabwe had to come from behind to retain his ABU heavyweight title. Proud was outboxed by Nigerian challenger Ngozika Ekwelum, but finally unloaded in the 12th and last round to stop his opponent.

In supporting bouts, Lobito Clay kayoed Assasin Tiger in round five at lightweight and featherweight Aaron Diribe outpointed Adamy Muhammad, six.
(12-02-83)

▲**BENDEL**—ABU lightweight champion Davidson Andeh kayoed Dal Charles in round two of a non-title bout.

In the main event, Ganiyu Giwa retained his Nigerian light welterweight title by outpointing Tubor Briggs, 12.
(12-17-83)

▲**LAGOS**—Commonwealth light welterweight champion Billy Famous kayoed Aziz Armstrong in round three of a non-title bout.

Fighting Romanus outpointed Mohammed Ali in a welterweight six.

Ali Hakeem outpointed Fast Clay in a featherweight six.

Lukeman Saheed knocked out Lukumann Adisa in two.
(01-28-84)

TUNISIA

▲**TUNIS**—Local heavyweight Taofik Balbouni outpointed Marco Vitaglione, eight.
(11-05-83)

ZIMBABWE

▲**HARARE**—John Sichula of Zambia won the Commonwealth junior lightweight title with a fifth round knockout over the veteran champion, Langtom (Schoolboy) Tinago. The better boxing of Tinago put him in front, but he lacked his usual zip and could not keep the crude but dangerous Zambian at bay. One wicked right-left combination finished the fight.

The Zimbabwean is a natural lightweight who has fought as high as middleweight, and losing the poundage drained him.

The unbeaten Sichula needs polish, but has promise. At 34, Tinago, who once beat Ken Buchanan, has run out of time.

In other bouts on the show, middleweight Alex Disaster outpointed Perkins Manyati in six and featherweight Snake Mandaya kayoed Emanuel Nyika in the third.

A light heavyweight bout between Flash Chisango and Gideon Makashini was halted due to rain after the first round.
(02-04-84)

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JAPAN

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—This month's headliner in Japan isn't a Japanese fighter, but a Kenyan import. Isaiah (Yonekura) Ikhoni, Japanese junior lightweight champion at 129½, beautifully outboxed and outlegged ex-champ Yoshimitsu Azato, the WBA's seventh ranked contender at 130, and gained a onesided decision in 10 heats. It was a rematch, Azato having won a lopsided nod by dropping Ikhoni four times last May. The 5'9" Azato had relinquished his Japanese crown after his fifth defense against Ikhoni. The Kenyan speedster won the vacant throne by stopping Jo Tatsuki via a first round kayo last November. Azato recovered from his bad injuries of the rib cage (suffered in his close defeat by Korean Tae-Jin Moon) which had caused him to give up the national title.

Azato looked too nervous, as he was harshly aiming to stop the interim champ. He was penalized a point due to his repeated low blows in round three. From the fifth round on, Ikhoni completely dominated the pace with his hit-and-run-tactics. The seventh canto witnessed Azato take a standing count, as he absorbed much punishment from Ikhoni's resistless attacks. Though Azato weathered the Kenyan's attacks in the last three sessions, his pride and energy were only consumed to go to the distance.

Scoring: referee Yusaku Yoshida, 99-93; judges Shoichi Kanaya and Hiroyuki Kanaya, 99-94 and 98-93, all for Isaiah. Ikhoni, scouted by Japanese manager Kenji Yonekura, turned pro in Nippon after winning a gold medal in the King's Cup tourney in Thailand.

Reportedly, Ikhoni had beaten ex-WBC champ Cornelius Boza-Edwards when they were amateurs in Africa. Ikhoni, born on February 17 of 1959, raised his log to 8-2 with 7 knockouts. Azato, a year his junior at 23, fell to 15-3-1 with 9 kayoes.

In the semi-final 10, up-and-coming Mitsuru Sugiya, 128, chalked up a crowd-pleasing kayo over Tiger Michigami, 127½, at 2:43 of the seventh round. It's a give-and-take affair by non-stop warriors. Sugiya hit the deck twice with Tiger once in round two. But Sugiya, ex-East Japan winner of the Novice King tourney, showed his better speed, and dropped the stocky hooker in the fatal session. The winner's desperate follow-up caused the third man to declare a halt.

Sugiya, the JBC's sixth ranked featherweight, is 10-1 with 7 kayoes. Michigami impaired to 7-2 with 6 KOs. A thriller.

Preliminaries: Tomohiro Kiyuna, 108½, exploded a nice combo—a left hook followed by a right uppercut—to embalm Hiroyuki Aikata, 109¼, at 2:06 of the first round in 8.

Four rounders: Kozo Fujinaga, 120¼, was also a first round kayo winner over Hideyuki Kuwata, 120½, at 1:02. Yukihiro Kimura, 117, won a close nod from Ken Nakahara, 115½, in the opener.

Kyoei Promotions. TBS TV.

Attendance—2,000.
(01-30-84)

▲**AKITA—Akita City Gymnasium**—Young Hideo, a hard punching lefty rated fifth in the lightweight class by the JBC, was held to a split draw by Korean Chong-Kwon An in 10. Both scaled 129¾. Hideo's reduction of weight—by five pounds than his usual weight—might have drained him of his speed and zip. Scoring: referee Takeo Ugo 98-97 for Young, judge Shoichi Kanaya 98-97 for the Korean, and judge Kiyoshi Kazama 97-97.

The semi-final tenner went to see a tragedy. Isao Kimura, a glass jawed junior flyweight at 108, continued his losing run, being kayoed by lefty Rikuo Watanabe, 107¾, at 3:05 of the sixth round. Kimura became unconscious in the ring and was immediately hospitalized, but he died of brain injuries two days later (January 9).

Four rounders: Toshiyuki Matsubara, 131¼, stopped Akiyoshi Ito, 131¾, at 1:20 of the first round. Hirotaka Idekai, 121½, outscored Takahiro Fujisawa, 121¾. Yasuo Ebihara, 130, needed just 30 seconds to polish off Harutaka Kurokawa, 129¼, in the opener.
(01-07-84)

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—An elongated hope named Nobuyuki Tabata, 10-1-1 with 10 kayoes, was unable to utilize his 6'0" frame only to be overpowered by sticky infighter Mugen (Shigeru) Kawasaka, 144¾, losing a split decision in 10. Tabata failed to outjab the bobbing opponent, so he was forced to mix up all the way. Kawasaka continued battering him in the close range. Scoring: referee Takeshi Shimakawa 98-97 (this vote was booed), judges Shoji Nakamori and Kiyoshi Kazama both 99-97 for Kawasaka. Tabata, 145½, is just 20 years of age, and this setback will be a good medicine for him to improve his left hand. Kawasaka, the JBC's third ranked welterweight, raised his log to 11-4 with 9 kayoes.

In the semi-final 10, Masahiro Takagi, 125½, eked out a unanimous decision over Satoshi Koguchi, 124¾, after the former barely pulled himself up from a very bad knockdown midway in round six.

Scoring: ref Masakazu Uchida 98-96, judges Kiyoshi Kazama and Takeshi Shimakawa 97-96 and 98-95, all for the lanky jabber.

Takagi, the Japanese Commission's number two featherweight, is 15-5-3 with six kayoes. Koguchi, who had once scored more than sixty consecutive wins in his amateur career, is 8-6 with seven KOs.

The first 10 saw ex-amateur champ Masahiro Tanabu, 139¾, get off the canvas to fight back and win a close decision over rough-and-tumble Tadao Ishido, also 139¾. Tanabu, the JBC's number five 140-pounder, is a clever boy, but his vulnerability of the chin and breadbasket might effect his future. He is 5-0 with 3 kayoes. Ishido is 10-9 with 8 KOs.

Preliminaries: Tomomi Shimabukuro, 125, outpointed Masayuki Ono, 125¾, in 6. Four rounders: Lefty Naoki Morioka, 116½, drew with Shinji Takei, also 116½. Southpaw Koheita Tanaka, 117, scored an upset decision over Katsuhiro Haneji, former All Japan high school champ at 117½, in the opener. Haneji was sent to the deck by a good combo of the underdog.

Teiken Promotions. Nippon TV.

Attendance—2,000.
(01-13-84)

▲**OSAKA—Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium**—Former Japanese junior middleweight champ and seasoned veteran Yohi Arai's record, 28-28-3, kept a balance between wins and defeats, as he was held to a split draw by unheralded Takanobu Suzuki, 152½, in 10. It's 30-year-old Arai's fourth draw after his lackluster performance. Scoring: referee Ryoji Kashiwagi 97-96 for Suzuki, judge Hiroshi Matsumoto 98-95 for Arai, and judge Ichiro Uenaka 97-97. People say Arai had better sing a swan song. Suzuki is 4-2-3 with two kayoes.

Preliminaries: Tomikazu Kaneshiro, 133, stopped Tomoharu Ogawa, 134½, at 1:23 of the third round in 6. Michio Kawakami, 121½, and Masayoshi Matsuura, 120¾, drew in 6.

Four rounders: Osamu Fukumoto, 115, drew with Hiroshi Sakonnojo, 113¾. Takahito Imanaka, 120½, won from Yoshifumi Oha, 120½. Takeo Takahashi, Satotaka Suhara, 128, in the opener.

Attendance—2,700.
(01-17-84)

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Having gained the Japanese featherweight crown by a vastly controversial split nod from Eijiro Kuruma, Hiroyuki Kobayashi, 126½, engaged in a non-title tenner and scored a TKO win over Masataka Katayama, 126¼, at 1:48 of the fourth round. Katayama was too nervous to throw punches smoothly, and Kobayashi battered him almost at will. Though there were no knockdowns, ref Kiyoshi Kazama called a halt as the loser's cornerman tossed in the towel. A mismatch.

Kobayashi, 14-6 with 10 kayoes, will face ex-champ Kuruma next March and will experience a tough battle. Katayama, who had stopped former Japanese junior bantam boss Tsutomu Itokazu in his previous bout, fell to 6-6-1 with 4 KOs.

In the semi-final 10, lefty Keiji Kawamura, 125, swarmed over groggy Masahide Ikehara, 122, and was awarded a kayo win at 2:34 of the sixth round. Kawamura, 28, is 11-4-1 with 6 kayoes. Ikehara, 25, is 11-81-1 with five KOs.

Preliminaries: Masakazu Tanioka, 132¼, won from Wolf Sato, 131¾, in 6. Lefty Keiji Koizumi, 122, made short work of Kunio Takanami, 121½, stopping him at 1:13 of the first round in six.

Four rounders: Yukihiko Koana, 134, was kayoed by Yukio Suzuki, 134, at 0:52 into the first round. Masaya Shinoda, 125¼, drew with Taichi Okada, 125. Akira Kiyono, 106, won from Shinya Sotozaki, 107¼, in the opener.

Yonekura Promotions. TV Asahi.

Attendance—1,400.

This card was dedicated to Joken Narita, former Japanese lightweight champion who recently hang up the gloves for good.
(01-24-84)

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Mitsuru Arazaki, Japan's top ranked bantie at 114¾, was losing first four roiunds, but turned loose suddenly and opened a gash of Kazuo Katsuma, 116, to halt him at 1:50 of the fifth round in 10. Masakazu Uchida was referee. Arazaki, from Okinawa, lacked speed in punching and mobility, but his combinations were so accurate as to hurt the loser. He is 6-0 with 5 kayoes. Katsuma fell to 12-8-1 with eight KOs.

The semi-final ten was a grudge fight. Switcher hitter Kazuo Osamu, 123½, turned the tables and knocked out Marciano Sekiyama, 122½, in 2:28 of the sixth round. Osamu, kayoed by Sekiyama a year ago, showed his determined attacks and dropped the sturdy puncher twice before the stoppage. Osamu, 21, is 14-2-1 with 8 kayoes. The loser is 16-11 with 14 KOs.

Preliminaries: It's another grudge fight. Last year Tetsumi Takeshita scored an upset kayo over heavily favored Kentoku Nakama to wrest the Japanese junior flyweight title. Brothers of Takeshita and Nakama exchanged gloves. Kenan Nakama, ex-All Japan high school champ at 106½, won a unanimous nod from Katsumi Takeshita, 108, in 6. It's a hot affair. Koji Nishikawa, 111, disposed of Racer Hashimoto, the JBC's 9th ranked flyweight at 111¼, at 2:19 of the third round in 8. Nishikawa is 8-2 with 3 kayoes. Hashimoto, a lantern jawed puncher, is 7-8-1 with 7 KOs. Tsuyoshi Irakai, 111, won from Masayoshi Harada, also 111, in 6.

Four rounders: Kenji Yokozawa, 106¾, outpointed Masahiko Kubota, 108. Koji Yagiu, 112, won from Katsunori Iwaya, 111¼. Motoki Furuno, 120¼, stopped Naoya Miyagoshi, 122, at 1:06 of the first round in the opener.

Co-promoted by Misako and Asakura Promotions. Fuji TV.

Attendance—1,200.
(01-26-84)

▲**NOTE**—The newly crowned WBC flyweight champion Koji Kobayashi met a Hero's Welcome in his native Katsushika Ward, Tokyo, after he scored an upset kayo of Filipino Frank Cedeno in just two rounds on January 18. He has been welcomed by everybody, wherever he went. So, his weight went up to more than 130 pounds. In order to keep his distance from dishes and juice in many parties, Kobayashi is reported going to Hawaii to take a rest . . . and to shed such additional poundage.

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KOREA

▲**DAEJON—Chungmu Gymnasium**—OPBF junior middleweight champ In-Chul Baek, 155½, extended his log to 29-1 (with 29 kayoes), as he disposed of unknown American Scicalia Bey, also 155½, at 1:40 of the sixth round in an overweight 10. Baek, not in good shape, was befuddled by Bey's tricky mobility. But the Korean puncher caught him with a flurry of punches with Bey sitting to take the full count.

In the semi, Korean top lightweight contender Kyu-Woon Choi, 137¼, decisioned Filipino Bert Lozano, 16½, 10. Choi is 17-3 with 9 KOs.

The first 10 saw Chul-Min Park, 128, outscore Tae-Yung Choi, 127¾.

Four rounders: Young-Soo Choi, 114¼, won from Suk-Bong Kim, 114¾. Ki-Nam Oh, 116¾, beat Kwang-Soo Kim, also 116¾. Tae-Il Oh, 141, decisioned Yong-Soo Park, 140, in the opener.

Kukdong Promotions. KBS TV.
(01-07-84)

▲**Seoul—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Mun-Jin Choi, the WBA's 5th ranked flyweight at 110¼, displayed his merciless combinations and demolished Thai Kwanjai Singchavan, also 110¼, at 3:05 of the fifth round in 10. Choi had entered the WBA's top ten with his decision over Filipino Elmer Magallano (who had scored an upset kayo over ex-OPBF champ Sung-Nam Kim) last May. Choi was stalking the Thai footworker all the way. Dropping him with solid body shots in round four, Choi finished him with another harsh combination in the next session. Choi had better improve his flexibility of the upper body. He is 18-2-2 with 4 KOs, and the Thai fell to 13-5-2 with eight kayoes.

In the semi-final 10, Jin-Ho Kim, 136½, outpointed Hang Park, 135½. The upset winner Kim is 10-2 with 2 kayoes.

Preliminaries: Yong-Chae Kim, 110¼, outscored Yung-Hyun Han, 110, in 8. Chong-Jin Chung, 121, won from Duk-Han Bae, 120½, in 6.

Four rounders: Chong-Ho Shin, 111¾, beat Chul-Ho Chung, also 111¾. Chang-Ho Chung, 109½, decisioned Chung-Bok Park, 108½, in the opener.

Dong-A promotions. MBC TV.

(01-08-84)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—Formerly rated second in the WBA junior welterweight ratings before his shocking kayo defeat by Allan Alegria, Sang-Ho Lee, 141½, engaged in his first showing since and stopped Thai Kanakorn Thapoothai, 141½, in 1:38 of the sixth round in 10.

Lee is now 31-1 with 26 kayoes. He is scheduled to fight the Filipino Allegria to avenge his sole loss months later. Kanakorn is 12-3 with 10 KOs.

The semi-final 10 saw Wan-Taek Choi, impressively kayo Kyung-Yan Kim, 132, at 1:49 of the fourth round. Choi is 9-4-2 (5 KOs).

Preliminaries: Hwa-Yung Song, 146, decisioned Sung-Ki Jin, 146½, in 8. Kap-Dong Park, 113, won from Ji-Mo Sung, 113½, in 6.

Four rounders: Yong-Won Park, 113, outpointed Kyung-Jun Park, 123. Sun-Il Kuk, 110¾, won over Byung-Kwan Chung, 111½. Chung-Il Yuh, 113, beat John-Yong Lee, 113, in the opener.

Wonjin Promotions. MBC TV.

(01-14-84)

▲DAEJON—Chungmu Gymnasium—Suk-Kyu Park, Korean lightweight champ at 136¾, was held to a draw by Mexican Anders Peliz, 135½, in 10. Park is 17-3-3 with 10 kayoes. Peliz is reportedly 15-2 with 9 KOs.

Preliminaries: Yuk-Dong An, 109¾, drew with Yung-Ho Ju, also 109¾, in 8.

Four rounders: Chong-Hyun Chung, 132¼, and Yung-Keun Yuh, 131½, drew. Jin-Tae Hou, 121¼, drew with Wong-Yul Park, 122. Il-Gu Ji, 127½, won from Keun-Ei Yuh, 127. Yong-Bae Kim, 117¾, drew with In-Sang Lee, 118, in the opener. Out of six bouts in this card, five ended in drawn games.

Kukdong Promotions. KBS TV.

(01-15-84)

▲ULSAN—Ulsan Gymnasium—Former challenger against the WBA featherweight champ Eusebio Pedroza, Sa-Wang Kim, 134½, hasn't been good after moving up to the lightweight class, and lost to Yang-Ki Lee, a mediocre lightie at 134½, in 10. Kim impaired to 19-5 with 14 kayoes. Lee is 6-5-2.

Dong-Koo Woo, 145, drew with Keun-Yung Nam, also 145, in the first 10. Woo, the KBC's second ranked lightie, was a bit too heavier than his usual weight, and is 13-6-3 (8 kayoes). Nam is 8-7-2 with 2 KOs.

Preliminaries: Chong-Koo Mun 115¾, won from Kyu-In Hwang, 116½, in 6. Tak-Ju Kang, 133½, decisioned Soo-Il Park, 134¼, in 6.

Four rounders: Ki-Chul Chung, 133½, outscored Soo-Ki Choi, 134. Byung-Bum Choi, 125½, won over Kyu-Yong Choi, 124¾, in the opener.

Ilhwa Promotions.

(01-15-84)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—It's very rare that Thai or Filipino boys win over local favorites in Korea. But Filipino Edel Geronimo, 112 12/, scored an upset decision over Hi-Suk Kim, a Korean prospect at 113, in 10. Kim, the Korean number 4 flyweight, fell to 14-2-2 with 4 kayoes.

The Filipino victor raised his log to 20-4-2 with 9 KOs.

Yung-Wan Kim, 136¾, was also an upset points winner over Byung-Suk Park, the KBC's second ranked lightie at 136½, in 10. Park dropped to 13-2 with 9 kayoes. Kim bettered his log to 9-5-1 with 5 KOs.

Preliminaries: Jung-Won Park, 149¼, drew with Yung-Bae Lee, 148¼, in 8. Jung-Won Mun, 156, stopped Yon-Han Choi, 154¾, at 2:23 of the fifth round of an eight. Hong-Kyu Yang, 119, decisioned Bo-Sung Kim, 118¾, in the six-round opener.

Sangwon Promotions.

(01-020-84)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—The OPBF welterweight champion Eung-Shik Kim, 139¼, successfully kept his crown, as he dropped Filipino challenger Fernando Gloria, 139¾, thrice and finished him at 2:21 of the eighth round of a scheduled 12. It's Kim's second defense of the OPBF title that ex-champ Sang-Hyun Kim had relinquished after his bad kayo by Aaron Pryor. Eung-Shik was an aggressor, while Gloria kept on circling to avert the Korean's solid blows. Kim floored Gloria each once in the sixth to eighth rounds. The KBC referee gave a standing count to the Filipino, who couldn't resume fighting then.

Kim is 9-0 with seven kayoes. The more experienced Filipino is 38-4-1 with 22 knockouts.

Former amateur star Ok-Kyun Yuh, 119¾, proved too strong for Filipino Ali Granada, 120, at 1:03 of the fourth round in the semi-final 10. Yuh, the KBC's third ranked junior bantie, is 10-2-1 with 4 kayoes. Granada fell to 17-5-1 with 9 KOs.

The first 10 saw Chong-Kwan Chung, 114¼, outscore Youn-Lee Moon, 110¼.

Four rounders: Sang-Shik Kim, 140, stopped Kwang-Hwan Cho, 139¼, at 2:26 of the second round. Min-Keun Lee, 110¼, outscored Il-Wan Kim, 111. Jun-Hyun Yun, 123, halted Sang-Chun Do, 123½, at 0:41 of the first round in the opener.

Dong-A Promotions.

(01-22-83)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—It's the IBF (International Boxing Federation) world title bout. Joo-Do Chun, the IBF junior bantamweight champ at 115, flattened Thai Prayurasak Muangsurin, 114½, with a barrage of punches at 1:09 of the twelfth round in a scheduled 15.

Prayurasak (AKA Prayoonsak) was a Thai hope who had beaten ex-WBC super flyweight boss Chul-Ho Kim in the latter's comeback go last year. Joo-Do, Chul-Ho's stablemate, had acquired the IBF crown via a TKO win over Japanese Ken Kasugai on December 10. In his first defense, Chun showed his progress and battered the durable Thai continually. As the bout progressed, Prayurasak showed his fatigue and absorbed good punishment. The fatal round saw Chun connect with lefts and rights to the face of the Thai, who collapsed prone for the count.

Chun upped his log to 15-1-3 with 7 kayoes. Prayurasak fell to 14-2 with 8 knockouts. It's a hot and good battle.

Preliminaries: Formerly rated by the WBC, junior lightie Il-Bok Lee, 131¾, eked out a decision over Japanese speedster Tatsunari Hisahiro, 131¼, in 10. Hisahiro attempted to outjab the Korean puncher, and was almost successful in the sixth and seventh rounds. But Lee came back hard to score good shots to seize a close decision. Lee is 27-4 with 16 kayoes. Hisahiro, the JBC's 4th ranked featherweight, is 9-3 with 7 KOs.

Ray-Ki An, 110, stopped Wo-Hyun Cho, 109½, at 2:09 of the second round in 8. Dong-Yong Hwang, 109¾, outpointed Chang-Ho Chun, 110¼, in 6.

Four rounders: Shin-Heung Lee, 118½, won from Ki-Nam Ou, 119. Kang-Won Kim, 127, finished Kwang-Soo An, 128, at 1:27 of the first round. Dong-Ok Lee, 127, also halted Youg-Koo Park, 126½, at 1:48 of the second session. Chong-Chan Lee, 120¾, outpointed Young-Mo Chung, 118¾, in the opener.

Kukdong Promotions, KBS TV.

Attendance—2,000.

(01-28-84)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—Having given up his OPBF featherwight crown due to his weight problems, Hwan-Kil Yuh, a short lefty puncher ranked third in the WBA junior lightweight ratings, looked impressive, as he exploded his vaunted heavy punches and iced Filipino Eddie Camero, 131, at 1:59 of the sixth round in 10.

Despite his layoff for several months, Yuh displayed his vaunted body bombardments—with his specialty of left uppercuts to the liver—to make a flattened pancake. Yuh is 23-1-3 with 11 kayoes. Camero is 20-3 with 9 knockouts.

Preliminaries: Duk-Hwan Bae, 124, decisioned Sang-Muk Lee, 124½, in 8. Sow-Kon Chang, 114, won from Jae-Yun Lee, 113¾, in 8. Myung-Ho Yang, 114½, outscored Sung-Kwan Chun, 113¾, in 8.

Four rounders: Ki-Chun Lee, 118¾, outpointed Wo-Sung Chung, 119. Kyu-Jang Lee, 140, stopped Pal-Shik Shin, 138¾, at 2:26 of the first round. Sung-Sub Han, 113¾, outscored Ki-Young Lee, 114½,, in the opener.

Waryong Promotions. MBC TV.

(01-29-84)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—Heung-Suk Yuh, the WBA's ninth ranked lightie at 137, showed his power in disposing of Filipino Hermie Villaneuva, 138, at 1:22 of the third round in 10. Yuh upped his good record to 18-1-3 with 14 kayoes. the loser is 14-5 with six KOs.

The semi-final ten watched an encounter of the KBC's top and second featherweight contenders. Sung-Yun Kim, 128, scored a fine knockout over Oh-Hyung Lee, 128¼, at 2:42 of the fifth round. Kim is 13-2 with 5 KO. Lee, the favorite, impaired to 13-3-4 with 8 KOs.

Preliminaries: Jae-Myung Choi, 120¼, stopped Duk-Han Bae, also 120 1/3, at 1:14 of the fourth round in eight. Sang-Yul An, 127½, fought to a technical draw with Sun-Hwan Suh, also 127½, at 2:12 of the third round of eight. Chong-Sung Koh, 128, won over Kwan-Soo Han, 127, by disqualification at the end of the fifth round in six. Kyu-In Hwang, 118¼, outpointed Wan Chun, 120¼3, in the four-round opener.

Saeki Promotions. MBC TV.

(01-31-84)

JOE KOIZUMI AND YOO-CHANG KIM

PHILIPPINES

▲MARBEL, SOUTH COTABATO—Edwin Projo, a rising junior flyweight ranked second by the GAB (Games and Amusements Board of the Philippines, the Commission of this country), defeated Teo Aradora, 112, by a unanimous decision, 10.

Rene Lozada, promoter.

(11-05-83)

▲TAYUMAN, METRO MANILA—Elmer Leonard, the GAB's 9th ranked lightie at 133, impressively scored a TKO over Lorenzo Nauab, the number three contender at 136, in the sixth round of a 10. O Prez, referee.

The semi-final saw hard hitting Cesar Amazan, 123, halt Rudy Sinilong, Jr., 122½, in the fifth session of 10. V. Valdez, referee. In the first ten, Johnny Gallardo, 118½, TKO'd Rudy Grande, 118½, in the seventh canto. O Perez, referee.

Preliminaries: Little Freddie, 124, decisioned Boy Negro, 121, 8. Four rounders: Joel Advincula, 112, won from Danny Duran, 111. Wilson Rigo, 121, stopped Al Coronado, 121, in round three. Dommy Lucas, 106½, outpointed Alex dela Flor, 107½, in the opener.

Alejandro Suansing, promoter.

Benedicto Ronquillo and Mauro Dizon, GAB witnesses.

(11-11-83)

▲PASIG, METRO MANILA—Lito Donayre, 118½, pounded out a unanimour nod from Lito Estimada, 118, 10. Oscar Reyes, referee.

The supporting 10 saw Polly Barce, 123½, kayo Edgar Alcala, 124, in the second canto.

Preliminaries: Armando Barzuela, 110½, fought to a technical draw with Ernesto Rubiso, 112, in the fifth canto of 8. Four rounders: Frank Domino, 122, TKO'd Flash Romano, 123, in the first round. Ric Pornillos, 112, barely won from Isaias Laureta, 112, in the opener.

Grego Garcia, promoter.

Carlos Roman and Romulo Santiago, GAB witnesses.

(11-12-83)

▲URDANETA, PANGASININ—Having scored an upset TKO over ex-WBC world flyweight champ Chan-Hee Park in the latter's comeback go in Korea last year, Wick Tengam, 120½, showed his experience and won a unanimous nod from Boy Robin, 120, in 10. Danny Rodenas, referee.

In the semi-final, Bert Gomez, 122, won a majority nod from Rene Brugada, 123, in 10.

Felimon Vasquez, promoter.

Voltaire Reverente and Carlos Dizon, GAB witnesses.

(11-13-83)

▲CALAMBA, LAGUNA—Geron Porra, the GAB's top junior lightweight contender at 131, eked out a split decision from Sandy Torres, 130½, 10. Nestor Olivetti, referee.

Preliminaries: Juanito Pavila, 124, decisioned Romeo Santos, also 124, in eight. Samuel Pasigan, 120, won a majority nod from Boy Caballes, 119, in six. Flaso delos Reyes, 128, tabbed a TKO over Eduardo Garcia, 130, in the four-round opener.

Jose Paner, promoter.

Virgilio delos Reyes and Leonardo Trinidad, GAB witnesses.

(11-19-83)

▲SAN JOSE, OCC. MINDORO—Edel Geronimo, 112½, won a unanimous decision from Tito Gregorio, 113, in 10. Danny Rodenas, referee.

Elmer Leonardo, 134, earned a unanimous nod from Lito Pablo, 134, in the semi-final 10.

Laureano Gamboa, promoter.

Voltaure Reverente, GAB witness.

(11-19-83)

▲PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA—Fast rising Zaldy Ovillo, 126, scored a unanimous decision over Dommy Circulado, 125, in 10. Major Doecariza, Vic Valdez, referee.

Sil Golosino, 112½, TKO'd Edward Bucton, 112½, in the eighth session of a 10. Major Doecariza, referee.

Preliminaries: Edison Saladas, 137, eked out a decision from Lito Vasquez, 136½, in 8. Guiller de Gala, 112, TKO'd Eugene Morados, 110, in 6. Ed Hemo, 108, outpointed Sandy Montano, 108, in the four-round opener.

Laura Elorde (ex-world champ Flash Elorde's wife), promoter.

Carlos Dizon and Romulo Santiago, GAB witnesses.

(11-19-83)

▲TAGUM, DAVAO—Romy Navarrete, younger brother of ex-WBC super featherweight champ Rolando, 109, won a unanimous decision over Elmer Magallano, 110, 10. Magallano had been rated by the WBA due to his upset kayo of then OPBF junior flyweight champ Sung-Nam Kim.

The semi-final saw Milky Javien, 114, unanimously decision Joe Gaviola, also 114, 10.

Eusebio Almario, Jr., promoter.

(11-19-83)

▲ISULAN, SULTAN KUDARAT—Flash Zaldy, 108, scored a unanimous decision over Joe Boy Donaire, also 108, 10. Carmelino Buenaflor, promoter.

(11-19-83)

▲CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Jongjong Pacquing, the GAB's second ranked lightie at 135, was a unanimous points winner over Bert Lozano, also 135, 10.

Jun Simbajon, 120, beat Pablo Pepito, also 120, by a decision in the semi-final 10.

Ernie Cataluna, 122, won from Jun Arbas, 122, 10.

Antonio Almirante, promoter.

(11-19-83)

▲CEBU CITY—Cebu Coliseum—Ric Barimbad, 112, the vacant Filipino flyweight crown by a unanimous decision over Rocky Arsenio, 111, in 12.

The semi-final saw Lito Pena, 135, tab a TKO win over ex-Filipino boss Flash Villamer, also 135, in the eighth round of 10.

Rudy Solis, 133, eked out a majority nod from Del Contado, 135, 10.

Poker Peligrino, 123¼, outpointed Venecio Esteban, 126¼, 10.

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(11-20-83)

▲OLONGAPO CITY—Efren Bantillan, 110, was awarded a majority decision over Cony Kid, 109, 10. Vic Valdez, referee.

Arsebio Perez, Jr., 107½, tabbed a TKO victory over Romy Austria, 108, in the seventh round of a 10.

Mike de Guzman, 148, impressively battered Filipino welterweight champ Young dela Cruz, also 148, and stopped him in round eight of a 10. Cruz's title wasn't at stake.

Eddie Camero, 132, eked out a split decision duke over Ray Dayanan, also 132, 10.

Almario Sicat, 121, was also a close winner over Rodolf Sar, 123, by a split decision, 10.

No prelminary bouts.

Antonio Esguerra, promoter.

(11-23-83)

▲MARBEL, SOUTH COTABATO—Ruben dela Cruz, the GAB's top flyweight contender at 112, won a unanimous nod from Edward Adame, 110, 10.

Edwin Inocencio, a rising junior fly at 110, was also a unanimous points victor over Mar Escolano, 114, in 10.

Carmelino Buenaflor, promoter.

(11-26-83)

▲TAYTAY, RIZAL—Nick Dalisay, the GAB's fifth ranked flyweight at 111, suffered a cut, but was awarded a technical decision over Tito Abella, 109, in the seventh round of a 10. Danny Rodenas, promoter.

Bert Gomez, 119, took a unanimous decision from Rene Brugada, 119, in 10. Telly Sauro, 125, TKO'd Rene Maglinte, 125, in the eighth round of a 10.

Preliminaries: Boy Negro, 125½, outpointed Alejandro Tipon, 125½, in 8. Nel Pioquinto, 124, won from Rey del Valle, 128, six. Boy Cua, 112½, fought to a technical draw with Lou Marabe, Jr., 113, in the third round of a scheduled six.

Four rounders: Urbano Quilingen, 134, won over Exequeel Bull Caro, 134. Bobby Castillo, 118, eked out a split duke from Bobby Pinos, 121, in the opener.

Benjamin Vinluan, promoter.

Carlos Roman and Virgilio delos Rayes, the GAB's witnesses.

(11-26-83)

▲BAGUIO CITY—University of Baguio—Another new Filipino champion was Sul Inting, 125, who won the vacant featherweight throne via a split duke over Little Sagan, also 125, in 10.

Ray Tayaban, the GAB's 4th ranked junior lightie at 135, won over Max Boy Toyogon, 136, by a disqualification in the ninth round of a scheduled 10.

Robinson Alatiw, promoter.

(11-26-83)

▲**QUEZON CITY—UP Campus**—Cisco Ferrer, the GAB's third ranked junior welterweight at 143, earned a split nod from veteran Nilo Acido, 140½, 10.

Fel Malatag, 121½, and Fred Sta. Iglesia, 121, battled to a technical draw in the fifth round owing to the latter's bad gash in 10.

Ernie Mata, 118, TKO'd Fel Jardenil, 116½, in the 7th round in 10.

Preliminaries: John Matienza, 118, won a majority decision over Boy Blanca, 117, in 6.

Four rounders: Lorenzo Pormanez, 111, TKO'd Gil Lucban, 112. Roger Obina, 123, decisioned Robert Rape, 124, in the opener.

Florentino Flor, Jr., promoter.

Carlos Dizon and Romulo Santiago, the GAB's witnesses.
(11-26-83)

▲**SAN FERNANDO PAMPANGA**—Morris Pastor, the GAB's fourth ranked junior featherweight at 122, was held to a draw by veteran Sandy Noora, 122½, 10.

Eddie Camero, 133, took a unanimous decision from Jun Bautista, 133½, in 10.

Juanito Favila, 124, won from Tito Vilmar, 124½, 10.

Sandy Torres, 136, and Romy Cunanan, 136½, battled to a technical draw 10.

Antonio Esguerra, promoter.
(11-30-83)

▲**PASAY—Pasay Sports Complex**—Former Filipino bantam and featherweight champ Romaldo Sumalis, 126, proved too ringwise, copping a unanimous decision over Chito Adigue, also 126, in 10. Onofre Perez, referee.

In the semi-final ten, Abel Magracia, 120, was awarded a technical decision over Fel Aporto, 120, in the eighth round. Vic Valdez, referee.

The first ten saw Rey Arceta, 127, win a unanimous nod from Cesar Gutierrez, 127, in 10.

Preliminaries: Lito Vasquez, 138, TKO'd Sonny Calumarde, 139, in the fifth round of 6.

Four-rounders: Ariel Samson, 108, won from Danny Duran, 110. Benjie Resulta, 126½, outscored Boy Villa, 126. Mario Gadiane, 119, barely decisioned Wilson Rigo, 119. Bert Luna, 117, stopped Ben Casel, 117, in the fourth and final round.

Tomasa Pamilosa, promoter. Voltarire Reverente and Mauro Dizon, GAB witnesses.
(12-02-83)

▲**PARANAQUE, MAETRO MANILA—Elorde Sports Comples**—Former OPBF junior bantamweight champ William Develos, the WBC's 12th ranked bantie at 118, showed his strength in stopping Gil Ragas, also 118, at 2:51 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Valeriano Deocariza, referee.

The semi-final 10 witnessed Boy Abuela, 120, TKO Boy Posadas, also 120, at 0:54 into the eighth session. Vic Valdez, referee.

Preliminaries: Pablito Lazola, 120, was held to a split draw by Rod Mollen, 120, in 8. Robert Palarit, 108, won over Ernesto Robiso, 109, by a disqualification at 1:46 of the sixth round in 8. Joseph Ladipe, 112½, won a unanimous duke over Capino, Jr., also 112½, in 6.

Four rounder: Rodel Asehan, 112, beat Edito Rubis, also 112, on points in the opener.

Flash Elorde's Galorde Enterprises.

Leonardo Trinidad and Virgilio delos Reyes, GAB's witnesses.
(12-03-83)

▲**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—Julius Gonzaga, 119, pounded out a unanimous decision from Flash Emmanuel, 118, 10.

Al Duran, 132, displayed his power punching in finishing Edmar Cordova, 129, in the third round of 10.

Edwin Projo, 112, unanimously decisioned Raul Noble, 113, 10.

Val de Vera, 119, gained a unanimous duke from Anthony Paloso, 118½, in the first 10.

Ernesto Jaudian, promoter.
(12-04-83)

▲**NORALA, SOUTH COTABATO**—Ric Zaulda, 126, scored a TKO over Jerry Escolano, also 126, in the second round of a scheduled 10.

Carmelino Buenaflor, promoter.
(12-07-83)

▲**OZAMIS CITY**—Jun Arbas, 118, amazed the crowd with his quick demolition of Rey Gallana, also 118, in the opening session of a 10.

Roberto Yabut, promoter.
(12-10-83)

▲**CANDELARIA, QUEZON**—Polly Barce, the GAB's 10th ranked featherweight at 122, earned a unanimous verdict over Boy Ruben, also 122, in 10.

Grego Garcia, promoter.
(12-10-83)

▲**PALIAN, SOUTH COTABATO**—Flash Rockman, 120, but he eked out a majority nod from Ali Granada, 119, 10.

Robinson Calisanga, promoter.
(12-10-83)

▲**PASAY—Pasay Sports Complex**—Little Bangoyan, 121½, defeated Cesar Amazan, also 121½, via a unanimous decision in 10. Vic Valdez, referee. Leonard, 133½, copped a unanimous duke over Lorenzo Nabuab, also 133½, 10

Elmer Dommy Circulado, 123, battled to no contest with Deo Mindoro, 123, in the fifth canto of a 10.

Rudy Grande, 119, barely won a split decision over Al Sicat, 119, 10.

Preliminaries: Tale Maguan, 117, won a majority nod from Nilo Fernando, 127, eight.

Cesar Layosa, 117, TKO'd Samuel Pasigan, 119, in the seventh round in their eight.

John Matienza, 118, decisioned Herry Muscare, 117½, six.

Joselito Saulong, 121, beat Mario Cadiane, 123, on points in the four-round opener.

Alejandro Susansing, promoter.
(12-16-83)

▲**ABATAN, BANGUET**—Bert Pucay, 122, made very short work of Nilo Prindiana, also 122, stopping him at 1:45 of the first round in a six. Ornofre Perez, promoter.

Bonnie Bangsoyao, 114, was also a TKO winner over Isaias Laureta, 113, at 1:10 of the fourth round of a six.

Joseph Nucaza, 111, beat Ray Ambrocio, 111, in the four-round opener.

Felixberto Jardenil, promoter.

Leonardo Trinidad and Virgilio delos Reyes, GAB witness.

▲**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—Although his Filipino title wasn't at stake, national junior bantamweight boss Diego de Villa, 114½, lost an upset unanimous decision to Ruben dela Cruz, also 114½, 10. This victory carried dela Cruz, the GAB's second ranked flyweight, to the position of a top contender against Filipino flyweight champ Ric Barimbad.

Hard hitting Edwin Inocencio, 107½, registered a fine TKO over Loremer Pontino, 110, in the sixth round of 10. The fast rising Inocencio is currently ranked third in the junior flyweight division by the GAB.

Young Abalyan, 125, was given a technical decision to Al Juanio, 124, in the fifth round of 10.

Jun Paciones, 115, eked out a split nod from Fernando Carupo, 113, in 10.

Roger Saligumba, 110, was also a close victor over Flash Zaldy, 110, by a split verdict in the first 10.

Carmelino Buenaflor, promoter.
(12-17-83)

▲**BOGO, CEBU**—Celso Arreglo, 119½, fought to win a majority decision over Joy Cayson, 118, 10.

In the semi-final, Roger Castillo, the GAB's third ranked flyweight at 113½, gained a unanimous decision over Tony Labrador, 117, in 10.

Antero Vilandria, promoter.
(12-17-83)

▲**BAGUIO CITY—U.B. Gym**—Venecio Esteban, the GAB's 9th ranked junior lightie at 128¼, scored an impressive TKO over Ador Seguin, 128¼, in the ninth round of 10. Vic Valdez, referee. Wick Tengam, 115, was given a split nod over Tony Agalatiw, also 115, in 10.

Preliminaries: Danny Adangla, 123, fought to a majority draw with Roger Obina, 123, in 6. Bert Chan, 109¾, TKO'd Capino, Jr., 111, in 6. Joel Advincula, 108¾, stopped Mechor Tacdoy, 112, in the second round of the first six.

Four rounders: Ben Basilan, 116, drew with Bobby Penos, 118. Little Navidad, 110, and Rio Asero, 107, also drew in the opener.

Antero Vilandria, promoter.
(12-17-83)

▲**MAGALLANES, AGUSAN DEL NORTE**—Benjie Miole, the GAB's 5th ranked flyweight at 112, won a unanimous nod from Tony Ducay, also 112, 10.

Ernie Sanico, 122, gained a unanimous decision over Elmer Adrayan, also 122, in the first 10.

Roberto Edillo, promoter.
(12-18-83)

▲**PASAY—Pasay Sports Complex**—Former Filipino champ Willie Makitoki, 146, showed his ring experience and halted Romy Angels, also 146, in the fifth round in 10.

Fel Matatag, 122, fought to a split draw with Flash Jagdon, former Filipino junior bantam kingpin at 123½, 10.

Allan Makitoki, 115½, won a unanimous decision from Flor Obina, 113, 10.

Poker Pelegrino, 120½, returned from his campaigns in Korea, and scored a unanimous decision over Clem Gonzaga, 123, 10.

Little Baguio, 110, was also a unanimous points winner over Nerie Saz, 109½, in the first 10.

Jesse Abrea, promoter.
(12-18-83)

▲**MARBEL, SOUTH COTABATO**—Tim Ontic, 120, battled to a split draw with Ali Graada, 122, 10.

Carmelino Buenaflor, promoter.
(12-21-83)

▲**SAN FERNANDO, LAUNION**—Sugar Rey Rolando, 135½, stopped Noli Maarloscabos, 136, in the second round of 10. Danny Rodenas, referee. Roland Navarro, 115, beat Dong Canada, 115½, on points in the first 10.

Preliminaries: Edward Bucton, 113½, won from Guiller de Gala, 113, in 8.

Four rounders: Edgar dela Rosa, 130, TKO'd Eduardo Garcia, 130, in the second round. Elmer de Gala, 110, outpointed Ramon Hernale, 110, in the opener.

Grego Garcia, promoter.

Carlos Dizon and Benedicto Ronquillo, GAB's witnesses.
(12-21-83)

▲**TAGUM, DAVAO**—Ex-Filipino champ Ronaldo Sumalis, 128, gained a unanimous nod from Cesar Ligan, 126, in 10. jRobinson Cabusao, 116, was awarded a split decision over Robert Sareno, 118, in the first 10.

Eusebio Almario, Jr., promoter.
(12-23-83)

▲**NABUNTURAN, DAVAO**—Hermie Villaneuva, the GAB's 4th ranked welterweight at 140, barely took a majority decision from Gar Atayde, 141, 10.

Julian Tan, Jr., promoter.
(12-25-83)

▲**PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA**—Elorde Sports Complex—Zaldy Ovillo, the GAB's 6th ranked featherweight at 127, defeated Telly Sauro, 125, by a unanimous decision, 10. Major V. Dewocariza, referee.

Dionisio Castillo, 141, knocked out Jimmy Gonzales, 141½, in the third round in the first 10.

Preliminaries: Momong Manaay, 126½, outpointed Nel Pioquinto, 123½, six.

Jun Tito, 122, won from Roger Obina, also 122, 6.

Efren Aranas, 118½, drew with Bon Hermo, 118½, 6.

Rodel Asehan, 112, managed to decision Ric Pornillos, 113½, in the four-round opener.

Laura S. Elorde, promoter.

Voltaire Reverente and Carlos Roman, GAB witnesses.
(12-28-83)

▲**SAN PEDRO, LAGUNA**—Veteran Max Boy Toyogon, ex-Filipino champ at 136, amazingly halted Dony Soriano, 136½, in the first round in a 10. Joe Lansang, referee.

Tito Gregorio, 113, stopped Edward Bucton, also 113, in the second round in their 10.

The first 10 watched Mer Krupa, 120, stop Sandy Noora, 120½, in the second round of the first 10.

Preliminaries: Boy Negro, 128, unanimously decisioned Joen Sibulan, 126, eight.

Four rounders: Frank Domino, 122, halted Joselito Saulong, 123, in the first session. Rey del Valle, 130½, outscored Exequiel Bull Caro, 130. Roque Cangga, 123½, drew with Fred Salacan, 123, in the opener.

A scheduled bout of Rommy Patusa and Ruben Protuguez was cancelled, as the latter failed to appear in the arena. Probably, he overslept to cause the failure.

Grego Garcia, promoter.

Benedicto Ronquillo and Romulo Santiago, the GAB's witnesses.
(12-29-83)

▲**PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA—Elorde Sports Comples**—Geron Porras, 127, became the new Filipino junior lightweight champion, as he scored a unanimous decision over Al Duran, 130, in the GAB's eliminator, for the vacant crown, twelve.

The semi-final saw the OPBF junior lightweight champ Rod Sequenan, the WBC's 8th ranked contender at 131, impressively stop Rex Saulda, 127, in the fourth round of a 10.

Juanito Favila, 121½, was awarded a majority decision over Fel Aporto, also 121½, 10.

Laura S. Elorde, promoter.
(12-30-83)

▲**ABUCAY, BATTAN**—Mar Simbajon, the GAB's second ranked welterweight at 138½, defeated ex-Filipino champ Nilo Acido, 139, by a unanimous decision, 10.

In the two days of December 28th and 30th, ex-world junior lightweight champion Flash Elorde's wife, Laura, presented three cards as a promoter.
(12-30-83)

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▲**BANGKOK**—Rajadamern Stadium—Having dropped ex-WBC super flyweight champ Chul-Ho Kim to score an upset decision in Korea last year, Prayurasak Muangsurin, 115, acquired Thai junior bantamweight crown by stopping Phaktai (Lipovitan-D) Osodsapha, also 115, at 2:08 of the second session in a ten round eliminator. The Thailand Commission had stripped Prabtorani Luklumpakchee of his title because of his eye ailment. Since then, the TBC's national title was vacant.
(01-12-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Hard punching Singnoi Singkrungthon, the Thai number seven junior bantie at 117, showed his strong right hand and won a unanimous decision from Viboon Kiatsorot, a good simon pure at 117, in six.
(12-29-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Former amateur champ Chor Hhaphalang, the TBC's top contender at 124, proved too sharp and strong for Channarong Sithsrimok, an unknown opponent at 125, stopping him at 1:57 of the opening session in six.
(01-03-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sankumpang Bunthavee, Thai top flyweight contender at 114, easily disposed of Singtraipop Laudayuthaya, 111, at 1:26 of the first round in 6.
(01-03-84)

▲**BANGKOK**—Though beaten by Filipino Rolando Aldemir in an eliminator to decide a successor to former OPBF lightweight champ Deuk-Koo Kim, Thai lightweight boss Downthong Chuvatana, 135, proved he was still too much for Kongsamuth Lukakadyotin, the top contender at 135, with a kayo at 2:37 of the second round in 10. It's Downthong's first defense.
(01-05-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Rising stylist Surasith Meeprasert, 115, found it easy to stop Chuchainoi Phatanagym, 114, in the third round of 6.
(01-07-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thai top junior lightweight contender Lert Singthongpol, 129, was knocked out by unheralded and neglected Eyesuh Sor Chaikitcharoen, 128, in the fourth round of 6. Lert had been castigated for his having selected easy oppositions, and his real power was revealed miserably.
(01-13-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Having fought as a flyweight very previously, Jimmy (Sithfiredang) Pornthavee, 128, made a comeback as a junior lightie and scored a unanimous decision over Phansaknoi Kiatkraisorn, an old soldier at 130, in 6.
(01-18-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Shaven skulled Thanusith Singnakornlaung, 126, wasn't so marvelous like Marvin Hagler, but he finished Reangrit Sitseesing, 125, at 1:00 into the first round of 6.
(01-21-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Charlongchai Singcaltex, 117, surprisingly hit the deck in the first round, but fought back hard to stop Suwan Silpaya, 117, at 1:56 of the fourth round in 6.

Singcaltex and Silpaya were rated second and sixth respectively in the junior bantamweight class by the TBC.

The loser Silpaya won the bronze medal in the 1976 King's Cup tourney. In the paid ranks, Silpaya fought well but lost decisions to ex-WBC flyweight champ Chan-Hee Park and the current WBC top super fly Kaosai Galaxy (in Silpaya's last fight). The tough guy Silpaya's kayo defeat was shocking.
(01-23-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Nakarach Kiatsonthaya, the TBC's 8th ranked junior flyweight at 109, defeated Suriyanoi Somtangkuijub, the number nine contender at 109, by a split duke in 6.

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Singnoi Singkrungthon, ranked ninth in the junior bantam class by the

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TBC at 116, scored a kayo over Dechumporn Sithsemoke, a taller rival at 119, in the second round of 6.
(01-26-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sombutryod Singsamang, 116, easily demolished Suphachai Lookarkasyotin, also 116, in the third round of 6.
(01-27-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thai flyweight champ Nongberd Naphataya, 115, was a little befuddled by the fighting spirit of Niphonyuth Sakardam, a veteran at 115, but the former outscored the latter by a split decision in 6.
(01-28-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—15-year-old hope Surasith Meeprasert, 119, won a decision from Chopjai Sithumphol, 121, in 6.
(01-29-84)

▲**BANGKOK**—Sot Chitalada, the WBC's 8th ranked flyweight, demolished Jownaranoi Jomkatha, the number four junior fly at 111, with a right cross at 2:54 of the second round in 6.
(01-30-84)

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▲**CANLEY VALE**—John Siriotis, 146½, outpointed Peter Batty, 144½, 10.
Dennis Talbot, 134, outscored Roger Henry, 137¼, eight.
Kelly Thompson, 160½, outpointed Dawsie Kelly, 159¼, six.
Paul Toweel, 155½, outscored Eric King, 153¾, six.
(01-11-84)

▲**MARRICKVILLE—R.S.L.Club**—Tommy Roberts, 156, outpointed Russell Sands, also 156, 10. Exciting contest, with the boxer, Roberts, defeating the slugger, Sands—who appeared to be too heavy, stiff, and overtrained.
Pat Hailwood, 165, knocked out Shaun Gray, 162, with a right hand in the seventh round of a scheduled eight. Gray was leading after six.
Geoff Peate, 199, halted Ted Gray, 222, in the third round of a scheduled six.
Dave Bell, 140, stopped Danny Shane, 133, in the third round of a scheduled four.
(01-27-84)

▲**CANLEY VALE**—Former Australian junior lightweight champion Dennis Talbot, 134, outscored Rober Henry, 135¾, 10.
Brian Fitzsimmons, 191¾, outpointed Ray Wheatley, 205½, eight.
Keith Ball, 138¾, outscored Lou Williams, 136¼, six.
Brett Young, 132¼, outpointed Lauri Lauriano, 136¾, four.
Brad Fredrics, 134, outscored Miguel Pimentel, 144½, three.
(02-01-84)

▲**CARDIFF—Workers Club**—Craig Pevy, 123½, outpointed Bobby Williams, 119, 10.
Keith Ball, 138¾, stopped Lou Williams, 133½, on a cut eye in the fourth round of a scheduled six.
Glenn Collis, 154¼, stopped Robbie Hitchenson, 165¼, in the first round of a scheduled four.
Miguel Pimentel, 143¼, outpointed Brad O'Toole, 132¼, four.
(02-02-84)

▲**DAPTO—Leagues Club**—Classy Pat Leglise, 141, decked Gary Rosen, 144½, with a three-punch combination in the third round of a scheduled 10. A follow-up right to the jaw floored Rosen again just seconds later, and the bout was stopped. Ray Mitchell, referee.
Joe Burruni, 168, stopped Ray Ryan, 162½, in the sixth round of a scheduled eight.
Danny Shane, 132¼, outpointed Glemm Hillier, 141, six.
John Maletino, 136¾, outscored John Hogan, also 136¾, four.
(02-03-84)

▲**PADDINGTON—R.S.L. Club**—Kelly Thompson, 158, outscored Alex Temelkov, 164, eight. Paul Moore, referee.
Ron Sheldon, 190, outpointed Fulu Atti, 188, eight.
Leo Moore, 208¾, outscored Brian Fitzsimmons, 194, six.
Brad Fredrics, 137½, outpointed Brad O'Toole, 132¼, six.
(02-03-84)

▲**BELMONT—Sixteen-Foot Sailing Club**—The main event, an eight-round bout between heavyweights Larry Tattoo and Geoff Peate, was cancelled. The reason was that the ringside physician left his place to attend to a boxer in his dressing room. Samoan Sila Sae, 163¼, had collapsed following a six-round draw with Sammy Finau, 176½. There was nothing savage in the contest, but Sae died three days later. Sae, whose real name was Tito Feliuai, had had one prior contest in Australia, winning on points. His background (how many amateur fights, etc., overseas) is now being checked.
Darwin North, 158¾, outscored Dawsie Kelly, also 158¾, six.
Lindsay Roberts, 146½, halted Terry Clayton, 146¾, on a cut eye in the second round of their scheduled six.
Denny Paradela, 113½, outscored Smilie West, 130, four.
(02-07-84)

▲**SEVEN HILLS—R.S.L. Club**—Mark Cribb, 121¼, knocked out Kam Chand, 120¼, Fiji, in the third round of a scheduled 10.
Roy Alexander, 169, stopped Eric King, 150½, on a cut eye in the sixth round of a scheduled eight.
Brad Fredrics, 136½, halted Brad O'Toole, 132¼, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.
Danny Shane, 130, stopped Eden Tugrul, 138, via a cut eye in round two of their scheduled six.
Rey Valdez, 133¾, and Miguel Pimentel, 143, drew, three.
(02-10-84)

▲**BELMORE—Sports Ground**—Ritchie Roberts, 158, behind on all three official scorecards, retained his Australian and Australasian middleweight titles when challenger Billy Johnstone, 157¼, was disqualified for butting by referee Billy Males. Roberts was down in rounds nine and 10.
Pat Hailwood, 165, outscored Joe Burruni, 164¼, in a good eight.
Gary Williams, 134, kayoed Kirk Blair, 134½, in the seventh round of their scheduled eight. Billy Males, referee.
Lachie Williams, 142, stopped Dean Thomas, 137¼, in the third round of a scheduled four.
(02-12-84)

▲**MT. PRITCHARD—Community Club**—Con O'Connor, 173½, won the vacant New South Wales State light heavyweight title with a split decision over John Layton, 174½, 10. Many disagreed with the decision. A previous encounter ended in a draw.
Paul Toweel, 155½, outpointed Darwin North, 151½, six.
Young Walker, 137¼, outscored Danny Shane, 132, six.
Smiler Antonijevic, 174½, stopped Joe Vallis, 180, on a cut eye in the sixth and final session.
(02-15-84)

▲**BATHURST—Leagues Club**—Brett Young, 127¾, outpointed Mark Cribb, 124¾, in a first class 10.
Kelly Thompson, 156½, stopped Tony Campbell, 159¾, in the seventh round of a scheduled eight.
Daniel Saylor, 194, halted Glen Harrison, 229¼, in the first round of a scheduled four.
Alan Jackson, 209½, outscored Paul Donnelly, 170¾, three.
(02-17-84)

▲**MARRICKVILLE—R.S.L. Club**—Tom West, 174¼, Queensland, and former Australian middleweight champion Wally Carr, also 174¼, drew, 10. The scores were 96-96, 98-98, and 97-96, Carr. A war. Rounds nine and 10 were real thrillers.
West, a circus acrobat by profession, did four back flips in the air after the fight. Carr, a man with a great sense of humor, bent his knees as though to imitate him, but then grinned and walked away.
Pat Hailwood, 166½, kayoed Roy Alexander, 167¼, in the fifth round of their scheduled 10. A right hand floored Alexander. He made it to his feet at nine, but was not with it, and referee John Cauchi stopped the fight.
Gavin Stirrup, 160¼, outpointed Steve Wonder, 168¼, eight.
Ray Valdez, 135¼, and Miguel Pimentel, 143¼, drew, three.
(02-24-84)

▲**LAVINGSTON—Sports Centre**—Johnny Duff, 126, won a disputed decision over Sparrow Freeman, 125, 10.
Jay Crowe, 130, outscored Billy Connolly, 132¼, four.
(02-25-84)

▲**DOLLS POINT—Georges River Sailing Club**—Former Australian junior featherweight champion Jim Bowen, 125¾, and former amateur star Mark Cribb, 123½, drew, 10. Ray Mitchell, referee.
Sparrow Freeman, 132¼, outscored Bernie Ellis, 127¾, six.
Danny Shane, 130, outpointed Muhammad Ali, 132¼, six.
Robbie Hitchenson, 167½, and Rudy Darno, 187½, drew, four.
(03-02-84)

▲**DAPTO—Leagues Club**—Three eights headlined a fine show.
Eden Tugrul, 135, outscored Mario De Marco, 127½, eight.
Joe Burruni, 168¾, stopped Mick Ambrose, 170¼, in the fourth round of a scheduled eight.
Lauri Lauriano, 136¾, outpointed Lou Williams, 138¾, eight.
Colin Carr, 150, stopped Steve Doakes, 155½, in the fifth round of a scheduled six.
John Maletino, 139¼, outpointed Jimmy Henry, 139¾, four.
Matchmaker—Peter Fuller.
(03-02-84)

▲**LITHGOW—Workers Club**—Brett Young, 127¾, won a technical decision over Jay Crowe, 123½, when an accidental head-clash ended their 10-rounder in round nine.
Pat Hailwood, 159¾, outscored Kelly Thompson, 155½, eight.
Ducky Dennis, 123½, outpointed Sparrow Freeman, 132¼, six.
Bobby Williams, 119, outscored Bernie Ellis, 130, six.
Ron Jeff, 135½, stopped Ray Valdez, 134½, in the first round of a scheduled four.
(03-03-84)

▲**CANLEY VALE—Cabravale Diggers Club**—Bobby Williams, 117¼, and Ducky Dennis, 123¾, drew, eight.
Tony Campbell, 152¼, outscored Nooky Curyer, 161, eight.
Smiler Antonijevic, 171, outpointed Paul Donnelly, 172, six.
(03-07-84)

▲**PADDINGTON—R.S.L. Club**—Steve Renwick, 156¼, a New Zealander now living in Australia, won a split decision over Joe Nltiva, 156½, Fiji, 10.
Six-rounders: Ron Sheldon, 189½, outpointed Daniel Saylor, 187½. Glenn Hillier, 142¼, outscored Greg Badman, 143¼. Al Hallett, 147¾, and Roger Henry, 134½, drew. Gavin Stirrup, 160½, stopped Andrew Palermo, 156¾, in the third.
(03-09-84)

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

▲**AINSLEE**—Gary Williams, 129¾, outscored Dennis Talbot, also 129¾, in a 10-round battle of southpaws for the vacant New South Wales State junior lightweight title.
John Pigett, 147¾, outscored Tony Campbell, 145½, six.
Keith Ball, 136¾, outpointed Mario De Marco, 125¾, six.
Brad Fredrics, 135½, and Ron Jeff, 141, drew, four.
Mick Ambrose, 169¾, outpointed Paul Donnelly, 174¼, four.
(02-09-84)

QUEENSLAND

▲**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Australian junior welterweight champion Brian Janssen, 141, outscored Scottish import Willie Booth, 142, 10.
Brian Sam, 156, halted Ian Dennis, 166, in the third round of their scheduled 10.
Emmanuel Otti, 168, knocked out Kevin Wagstaff, 175, in round two of their scheduled 10.
Dave Bellis, 141, stopped Norm Stevens, 139, on a cut eye in the fifth session of another scheduled 10.
Johnny Laycock, 127, halted Des Logan, 120, in the first round of a scheduled six.
Brad Finn, 124, and Ricky Palmer, also 126, drew, six.
(02-06-84)

▲**HERVEY BAY**—Mark Janssen, 146, (Brian's younger brother), stopped Al Hallett, also 146, in the second round of a scheduled 10.
Ronald Doo, 137, outpointed Brad Finn, 132, six.
David Saylor, 161, outscored Peter McKenzie, 161, four.
Nick Paul, 152, halted Dennis Mercer, also 152, in the third round of their scheduled four.
(02-10-84)

▲**MANSFIELD—Mansfield Tavern**—Dave Sarago, 151½, won a unanimous decision over Graham Looker, 145¾, 10.
Ronald Doo, 140, and Danny Davies, 145½, drew, 10. Denzil Creed, referee and sole judge.
Johnny Laycock, 129, and Mike Slivka, 242¼, drew, six.
David Saylor, 165¼, stopped Ray Briscoe, 169¾, in the fourth round of their scheduled six.
(02-20-84)

▲**MT. ISA**—Skeeter Hooper, 153, and Catfish Anderson, 156, drew, 10.
(02-26-84)

▲**MANSFIELD—Mansfield Tavern**—Ronald Doo, 139¾, won a unanimous decision over Danny Davies, 146½, 10. Scores were 98-95, 99-96, and 97-96. A good fight that drew a shower of money from ringsiders.
David Saylor, 152, stopped Ron Watson, 150, on a cut mouth in the sixth round of a scheduled eight.
Ken Richards, 127¾, halted Benny Hopkins, 133½, in the third round of a scheduled six.
Darren Norris, 194, stopped Sam Brown, 196¼, in the third round of their scheduled six.
(03-05-84)

VICTORIA

▲**NORTH MELBOURNE—Marconi Hall**—Lester Ellis, 132, knocked out Jeff Smith, 132, New Zealand, in 3:08 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10. Malcolm Bulner, referee.
Four-rounders: Mick King, 166, outscored Rod Vidajec, 168. Kid Preston, 140, outpointed Sam Giordano, 146.
(02-13-84)

▲**PORT MELBOURNE—Football Grounds**—Australian lightweight champion Barry Michael, 135, won a unanimous decision over Jerome Artis, 137, Philadelphia, Pa., 10. Scoring: referee Bryan Membrey and judge Malcolm Bulner, both 99-92; judge Cliff Heaver, 99-93
Former Australian featherweight champion Gary Williams, 128, outscored Tony Russell, also 128, 10. It was Russell's first pro loss.
Dave Ramsden, 145, won an upset verdict over John Siriotis, 147, 10. The crowd showered the ring with coins and notes totalling $180. That is some shower.
Three-rounders: Brendon Piper, 132, outpointed Paul Delosa, also 132. Sam Giordano, 147, outscored Bobbie Lattina, 144. Nick Hatzil, 139, stopped Frank Lucco, also 139, in the first.
(02-26-84)

▲**MELBOURNE—Sports & Entertainment Centre**—Russell Sands, 146½, won the Australian welterweight title with a unanimous decision over defending champion Frank Ropis, 147, 12. Scoring: referee Norm Foster and judge Malcolm Bulner, both 116-111; judge Bryan Membrey, 117-108. Russell, 19, is the son of Alfie, one of the Five Fighting Sands.
Lester Ellis, 133½, knocked out former Australian junior lightweight champion Dennis Talbot, also 133½, in the third round of a scheduled 10. Malcolm Bulner, referee.
Six-rounders: Sam Gibilisco, 130, halted Brendon Piper, 135½, in round four. Robbie Nava, 149¼, stopped John Pigott, 151¾, in the fifth. Keith Ball, 140½, won on a foul over Kid Preston, 140¾, in the third. Paul Mauger, 148, outpointed Sam Giordano, 153¼.
(03-09-84)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

▲**BUNBURY**—Lawrence (Baby Cassius) Austin, 154, retained his South Seas junior middleweight title by outpointing Benny Tabua, also 154, 10.
Four-rounders: Paul Mule, 152, halted Greg Collard, 153, in three. John Cullen, 160, stopped Wayne Loo, 168, in two. Kurnett Thorne, 158, outscored Robert Colbung, 157. Mark Berkovic, 133, outpointed Kelvin Quartermain, 139.
(01-28-84)

▲**BUNBURY**—Joe Nitiva, 159, Fiji but now based in New South Wales, stopped John Cullen, 160, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.
Four-rounders: Mark Bercovic, 131, and Kelvin Quartermain, 138, drew. Kurnett Thorne, 157, outpointed Wilf Thomas, 156. Dwayne Bell, 171, outscored George Ucoi, 167. George Gasseb, 118, outpointed Dean Cobung, 120.
(02-24-84)

▲**BELMONT**—Young Tony Jones, Western Australia, stopped former Australian bantamweight champion Brian Roberts, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10. Roberts' jaw was broken. Jones, a former amateur, was fighting his second pro bout. He should go far.
Carl Zappia halted Ken Bowden in the 10th and final session.
Ron Smith outscored Dean Colbung, six.
Dave Corbett outpointed Bob Colbunb, four.
Paul Rusk halted Johnny Nelson in the second round of a scheduled four.
(03-07-84)

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
Tim Witherspoon W 12 Greg Page
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Eddie Gregg Robert Evans
Tony Tucker W 10 Larry Givens
Tony Tucker KO 1 Sam Jeter
"Bonecrusher" Smith KO 5 Ben Griffin
Carl Williams KO 2 Lou Benson
King Kong Diaz KO 6 Toro Montes
(Regained Mexican Title)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Carlos DeLeon W 12 Anthony Davis
(Retained WBC Title)
Young Joe Louis W 10 Frank Lightfoot
Dale Grant W 10 Ruben Williams
Ric Lainhart W 10 Rocky Harris
Craig Bodzianowski KO 8 James Dixon

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Michael Spinks W 12 Eddie Davis
(Retained World Title)
Murray Sutherland W 15 Ernie Singletary
(Won Vacant IBF 168-lb. Title)
Marvin Johnson KO Eddie Gonzalez
Murray Sutherland KO 2 Joe Brewer
Larry Phelps KO 1 Herman Reyna
David Cabrera KO 4 Yaqui Benitez
(Retained Mexican Title)
Jim Valleyfield KO 1 Nekoda Leftenant
Marvin Mack W 8 James Stills

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Marvelous Marvin Hagler KO 10 Juan D. Roldan
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Tony Sibson W 12 Louis Acaries
(Won European Title)
Jose Duarte KO 2 Abel Cordoba
Dwight Davison KO 4 Charles Le Cour
James Shuler W 10 Kenny Bristol
John Collins W 10 Larry McCall
James Kinchen KO 3 Al Rankin
Kevin Perry W 10 Tony Suero
Kevin Moley W 10 David Toot
Mark Frazier KO 2 Al-Malik McLaurin
Charles Campbell W 10 Tony Harrison
Dean Ferguson KO 2 Gerald Boiner
Sam Bonadonna KO 1 Robbie Roberson
Alex Hilton KO 8 Deano Clavet

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Mark Medal KO 5 Earl Hargrove
(Won Vacant IBF Title)
Kevin Howard KO 6 Bill Bradley
Francisco DeJesus W 10 Mario Maldonado
Sean Mannion KO 7 Roosevelt Green
Mark McPherson W 8 Steve Gamble
Brian Brunette W 10 Gary Holmgren
Davey Moore KO 2 Monte Oswald
Herb Johnson KO 1 Rich Kronich
Danny Long KO 7 Glen Burnett
Darryl Robinson KO 4 Francisco Del Toro

WELTERWEIGHTS
Roger Stafford KO 1 Randy Davis
Pipino Cuevas KO 1 Mauricio Bravo
Jesus Godoy KO 5 Adrian Lee
Jamey Ollenberger W 8 Basil Romero
Flavio Taboada KO 3 Juan Angel Villasana
Roberto Hernandez W 8 Fred Brown
Johnny Herbert KO 5 Jake Riley
James McGirt KO 5 Jake Torrence
Billy Smith KO 2 Jackie Morrell
Dave Hilton KO 1 Mario Cusson
(Won Canadian Title)
Denis Sigouin KO 1 Ghislain Deroy
Nino LaRocca W 10 Felipe Canela

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Gary Hinton W 12 Jerome Kinney
(Won Vacant USBA Title)
Ronnie Shields KO 9 Martin Rojas
Mark Lassien W 8 Dwayne Prim
Tyrone Trice KO 2 Nate Stewart
Efren Olivo KO 4 Rene Cardona
Saoul Mamby W 10 Roberto Juarez
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Pat Jefferson KO 5 Danny Vargas
Victor Gordon KO 2 Manuel Toribo
Greg Edelman D 8 Joey Soler
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Remo DiCarlo W 12 Gaetan Hart
(Won Canadian Title)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Ralph Aviles W 10 Martin Quintana
Enrique Flores KO 7 Cornelio Vega
George Navarro KO 1 Ewart Chance
Aaron Lopez KO 8 Nico Perez
Freddy Roach W 10 Delio Palacios
Jose Gonzales W 10 Daryl Jacobs
Alvaro Salazar KO 6 Abel Casas

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Wilfredo Gomez W 12 Juan LaPorte
(Won WBC Title)
Lenny Valdez KO 1 Steve Cruz
Azumah Nelson W 10 Hector Cortez
Myron Taylor W 10 Kelvin Seabrook
Calvin Grove KO 4 Sylvester Price
Vincent Christian KO 3 Tim Daniels
Pasqual Aranda KO 3 Rey Garza
Lenny Valdez 10 Roman Almaguer
Sammy Fuentes KO 7 Edgar Muniz

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Richard Sandoval KO 15 Jeff Chandler
(Won World Title)
Lupe Pintor W 10 Ruben Solario
Mike Ayala KO 2 Rodolfo Quintero
Guty Espadas W 10 Elid Fernandez
Artemio Ruiz KO 8 Fidel Martinez
Javier Lucas KO 2 Adrian Cortez
Paulie Ayala KO 4 Rogelio Leanos

FLYWEIGHTS
German Torres W 10 Bernardo Ibarra
Fidel Martinez KO 6 Jesus Tejeda
Juan Coyote KO 1 Martin Segura
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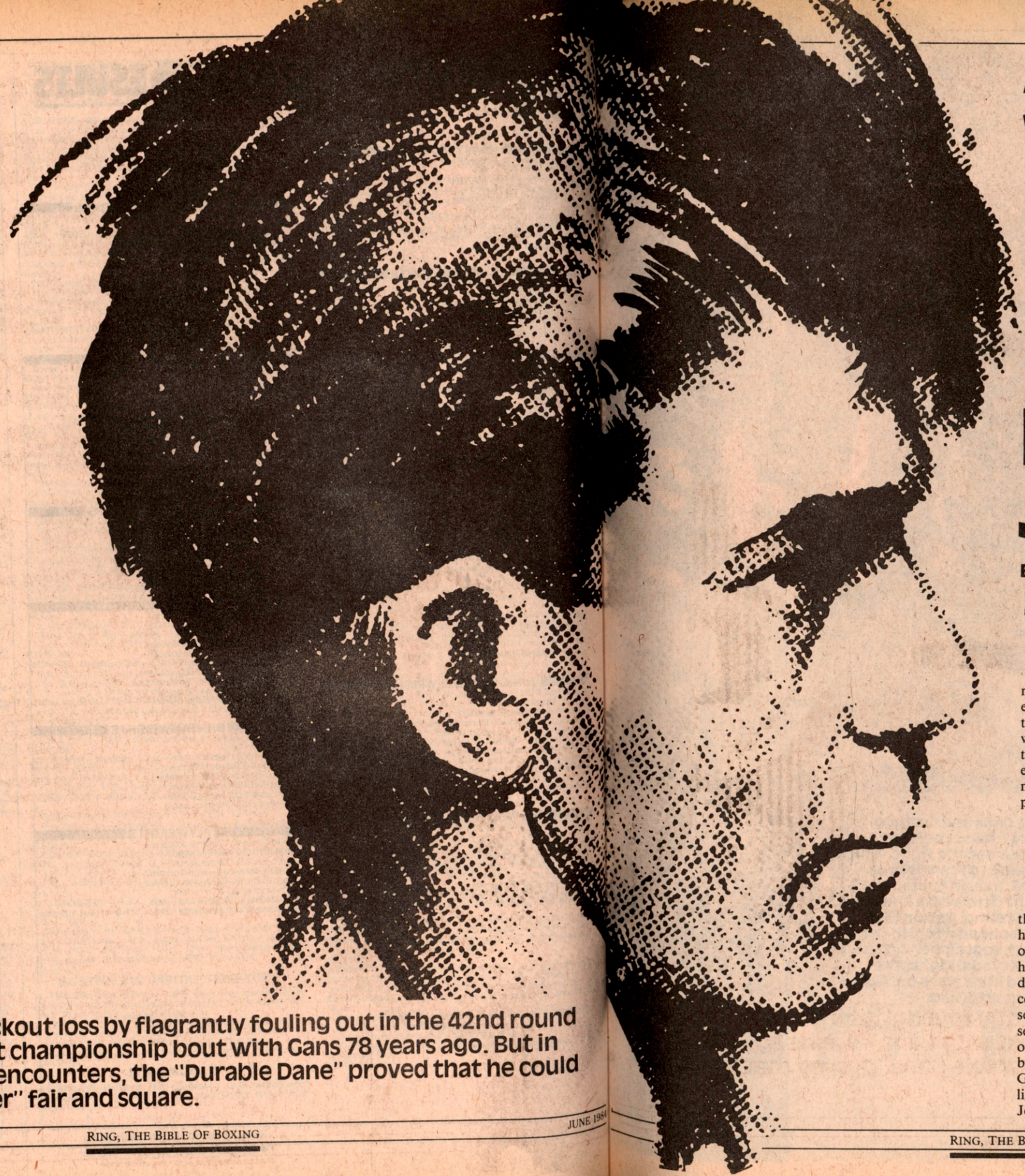


Nelson avoided a knockout loss by flagrantly fouling out in the 42nd round of his first lightweight championship bout with Gans 78 years ago. But in two subsequent title encounters, the "Durable Dane" proved that he could master the "Old Master" fair and square.

RING ARCHIVES

A Ring Classic:

When Battling Nelson Finally Mastered Joe Gans

By STEVEN R. NICOLAISEN

THERE ISN'T MUCH TO separate Goldfield, Nevada from other Western ghost towns: a population just big enough to keep it on the map, a few stores, some refurbished buildings. Another tourist trap en route to Las Vegas? Not quite. Among the buildings is the Great Northern saloon, with a bar so long it is said that compensation had to be made for the curvature of the earth. In the middle of the town is a monument of stone and cement. An affixed plaque contains the inscription:

FIGHT
GANS-NELSON
SEPT. 3, 1906
GOLDFIELD, NEVADA

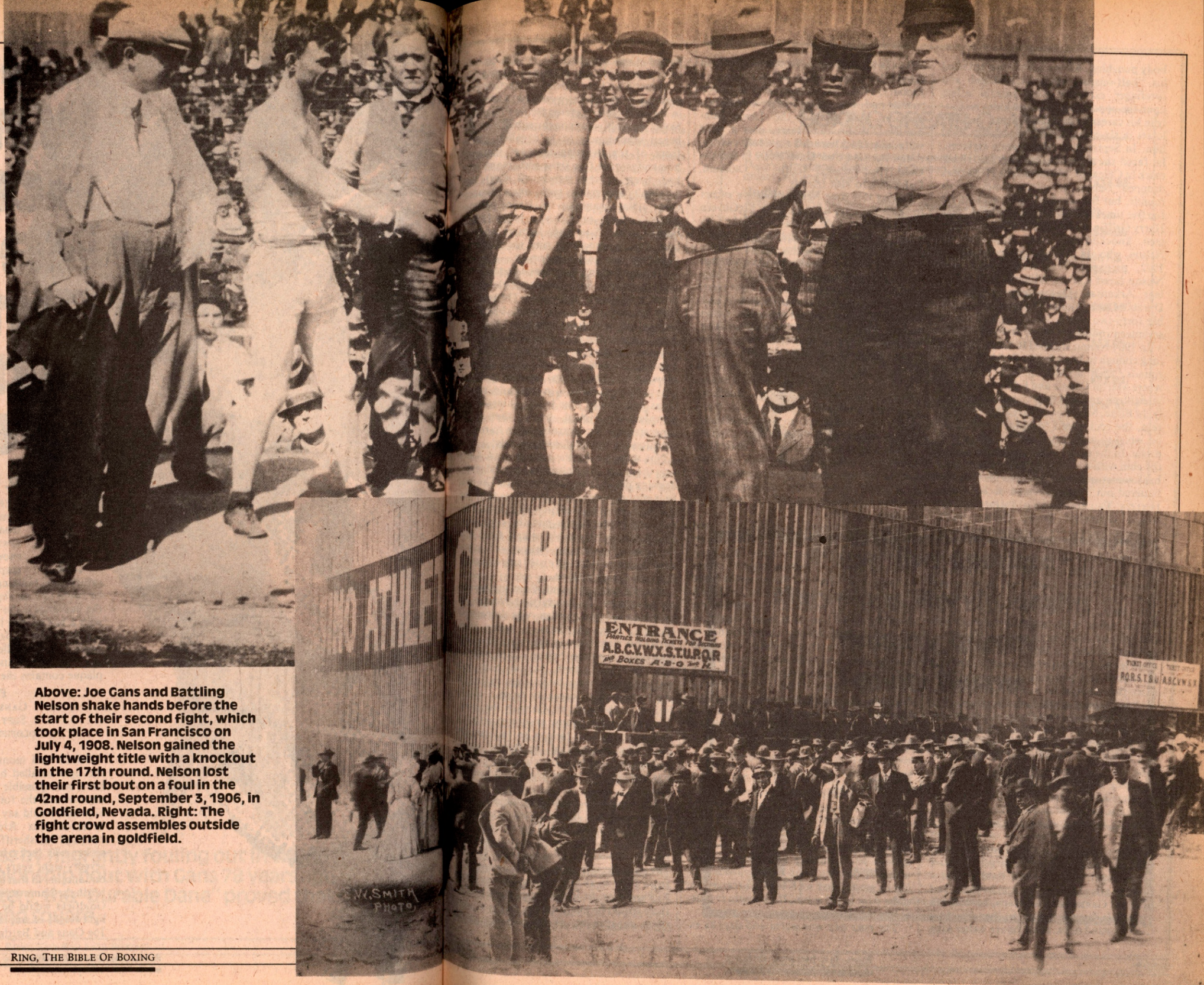
Saloon and monument are inseparable; the fight recalled by the latter would not have been possible without the man who once owned the former. Those who knew him well would say that Lady Luck rarely deserted Tex Rickard, and the ex-cowpuncher, sheriff and Klondike fortune seeker was lucky indeed that Labor Day seventy-eight years ago, as the men facing one another in that desert arena were two of boxing's immortals. Rickard's Battle of Goldfield would be only the first of three lightweight championship clashes between Joe Gans and Battling Nelson.

Gans was a soft-spoken black from Baltimore, born there as Joseph Gaines in 1874. Modest and well-mannered, he was an exception in the often blatantly-racist America of the early twentieth century, as popular among whites as with blacks. A master boxer, he slipped opponents' blows with the slightest movement and countered with deadly efficiency, rarely missing. Gans' sobriquet of "Old Master" was well-chosen, as he easily outboxed nearly everyone he faced. His favorite knockout blow was a right thrown over an opponent's left lead. Throughout, Gans rarely changed expression; the poet Joaquin Murieta once wrote an essay on Gans entitled "The Face of Sadness The Champion Wears."

Certainly Gans was entitled to depression. A professional at 16, he progressed so rapidly that opponents often refused to face him unless Gans promised not to knock them out. Some promoters refused to use him unless he took the loser's end of the purse, regardless of the result. On three occasions knockouts were registered against him. The first, twenty-three rounds in 1899 by George (Elbow) McFadden, may have been legitimate, as McFadden was no slouch. The second, an attempt to win the world lightweight title from Frank Erne in 1900, ended with Gans quitting in the twelfth round, claiming that blood from a cut had gotten into his eyes. The third was an outright fake; against featherweight king Terry McGovern that December, Gans went down seven times in less than two rounds, the crowd booing and throwing cigar butts at Gans' back after the "fight" ended.

He had gotten a second chance at Frank Erne in 1902, knocking him out in one round at Fort Erie, Canada to win the title. Things had improved for Gans, but he still knew frustration; facing Joe Walcott in September, 1904 for the latter's welterweight crown, Gans dominated, only to be deprived of a second title when after twenty rounds referee Jack Welch called the bout a draw. A month later, weakened from reducing down to the then-lightweight limit of 133 pounds, he kept his title when Jimmy Britt was disqualified for hitting Gans while the champion was down. Not wanting to submit himself to further weight-making, Gans declared his title vacant, a decision he would reverse when facing Nelson at Goldfield two years later.

THE MAN GANS WOULD FIRST oppose that hot afternoon was virtually his opposite. Born Oscar Matthew Nielson in Copenhagen, Denmark in 1882, he emigrated to the Chicago suburb of Hegewich as a boy. Brash, outspoken and crude, "The Durable Dane" was seemingly impervious to punishment. His forte was



Above: Joe Gans and Battling Nelson shake hands before the start of their second fight, which took place in San Francisco on July 4, 1908. Nelson gained the lightweight title with a knockout in the 17th round. Nelson lost their first bout on a foul in the 42nd round, September 3, 1906, in Goldfield, Nevada. Right: The fight crowd assembles outside the arena in goldfield.

body punching, his specialty what he called his "half-scissors hook," the thumb and forefinger extended with painful effect upon the opponent's liver and kidneys. Early in his career he sustained several decision losses in six-round bouts, but crowds lived him. In September, 1900, barely eighteen, he faced the more-experienced Joe Headmark in Chicago. The victorious Headmark dropped Nelson seventeen times in six rounds, but Bat wouldn't quit, decking his foe five times himself. A week later he faced Harry Griffin; in six rounds there were thirteen knockdowns, none sustained by Nelson, who got the decision. In December, 1902, the script was revised; this time Nelson faced Christy Williams in Hot Springs Arkansas. Down seven times, the Durable Dane floored Williams an incredible forty-two times, knocking him out in seventeen rounds.

In 1904 Nelson stopped in Salt Lake City long enough to kayo Spider Welsh in sixteen rounds, then arrived in San Francisco, where Martin Canole and Eddie Hanlon fell in eighteen and nineteen rounds respectively. In Butte, Montana he faced Aurelio Herrera, the rock-fisted Mexican who trained on whiskey and cigars and hit like a piledriver. In the fifth Herrera nailed Nelson on the chin with a booming right. Nelson did a back somersault, scrambled to his feet, and battered out a twenty-round decision over Herrera. Two knockouts of former featherweight champion Young Corbett sandwiched a close twenty round decision loss to Jimmy Britt.

By the time Nelson faced Britt again in September, 1905 in the San Francisco suburb of Colma, Gans had, in most experts' eyes, relinquished his claim to the title. Britt, by virtue of victories over Nelson, Jabez White and Kid Sullivan, was regarded by many as champion. That was fine and dandy for Britt, but Nelson had other ideas. The Battler despised Britt's fancy clothes and pompous ways, hated him more than anyone he would ever fight, including Gans; he ached for revenge. The Nelson that Britt faced that September 9 was a furious, merciless, unstoppable fighting machine. Britt threw everything he had at Nelson, lumping and bloodying his face, but the Battler wouldn't be denied, torturing Britt's body with both hands. In the eighteenth a right to the jaw sent Britt down for the count as Nelson cemented his claim as the best white lightweight in the world.

What of Gans? The Old Master had been relatively inactive in 1905, largely because his manager, Al Hereford, thinking Gans finished after his showing against Britt, had left him. Gans went six rounds, no-decision with Rufe Turner in March, then fought a fifteen-round draw wtith future welter king Mike (Twin) Sullivan in September. Sullivan should have quit while he was even; in January, 1906, Gans kayoed him in fifteen rounds and, two months later, in ten. No-decision sixes against the Lewis nonbrothers, Willie and Harry, plus a third with Jack Blackburn led to a July twenty-round decision over Dave Holly in Seattle. Gans then headed south to Oakland, California to visit friends.

During this time Nelson, inactive except for a no-decision six with Terry McGovern in March, was fishing near Salt Lake City when he heard that a lightweight named Jack Clifford was challenging all comers. Clifford was in Goldfield that summer when the aforementioned Rickard suggested to the local yokels that a fight could draw favorable attention to Goldfield and, in the process, make everyone richer. Nelson, also a lover of financial security, wired Rickard that he'd fight Clifford for $5000. Rickard, always after a bigger stake, wanted the most potentially lucrative matchup, so he wired Gans about a championship bout with Nelson. Suddenly forgetting about his weight problems, Gans wired his acceptance to all conditions. Nelson requiested a $30,000 purse, stating he was willing to face Gans on Labor Day, September 3. Rickard and three partners put up $20,000 each to back the necessary guarantees (eventually determined as $23,000 for Nelson, $11,000 for Gans), and the bout was set.

Billy Nolan, Nelson's manager, stipulated in the contract that both men would have to weigh in three times—at noon, 1:30 and 3:00—on fight day. Failure to do so meant paying a $5000 forfeit. Nelson could make 133 with his trunks and shoes on; to Gans it represented a potentially dehibilitating situation, to his body if he made weight, to his purse if he failed. Unbeknownst to everyone was another variable; Gans had contracted tuberculosis. Although still in its early stages, it could weaken him if the bout were long. Still, Gans agreed to all demands; as Larry Sullivan was acting only nominally as his manager, Gans would pocket nearly all his earnings, where Nelson would have to split his with Nolan.

THE NIGHT BEFORE THE BOUT Goldfield, which the year before consisted largely of shacks and moners' tents, was packed with fight fans. Over five million dollars was supposedly wagered on the bout, and with saloons and gambling houses so full that would-be patrons stood in line outside hoping to get in, and with beds so scarce that some slept in the arena, the amount is probably not too exaggerated.

The next day was warm and dry, as expected. Gans weighed 133 on the nose all three times, to Nolan's chagrin, causing him to demand an hour's delay in starting proceedings so that Gans would have to weigh in a fourth time. Referee George Siler told Nolan enough was enough; either the bout began immediately or he'd call it off in front of the sweating mass of marginal humanity (over five thousand, many who had been in the stands all day) that wouldn't appreciate such an announcement. Not wanting to leave without Nelson's purse or his own hide, Nelson backed down. Siler gave fighters and seconds their instructions, and the Battle of Goldfield was finally underway.

Despite the heat, Gans was a dancing dervish in round one, stinging Nelson and drawing blood from his ears. Through the fifth he maintained the pace, bloodying Nelson's nose in the third and rocking him with a right to the chin in the fifth. Winning rounds six and seven, Gans caused a frustrated Nelson to slip after missing a wild blow in the eighth. Gans sportingly helped him to his feet; Nelson, in gratitude, spit on Gans and kicked him in the shins. Gans, nonplussed, kicked back, then Siler separated the two, warning them to resume permissable forms of warfare only.

Not surprisingly, the pace slowed. Gans won the ninth, but Nelson had a good tenth, drawing blood from Gans' mouth. The next four rounds were even, but Gans took the fifteenth, flooring Nelson with a right to the face. After the Battler had the edge from rounds sixteen through nineteen, Gans won the twentieth, stunning Nelson with a barrage that would have kayoed anyone other than the Durable Dane.

For the next ten rounds Gans maintained his advantage. By the thirtieth Nelson, his face battered and swollen, was desperately trying to land anywhere. A weary Gans broke his right hand in the thirty-third but continued to tattoo Nelson's face with his left. By the fortieth Nelson had been warned several times by Siler not to foul. In the forty-second, breaking from a clinch, Nelson deliberately hit Gans in the groin. Gans dropped in agony; as several in the audience pointed at Nelson to indicate the foul, Siler disqualified the Battler. Again undisputed lightweight champion, Gans was roundly cheered as he was led from the ring.

The Goldfield battle was remarkable in several respects. It had lasted nearly three hours, despite the heat. Through the loser, Nelson's $23,000 was a then-lightweight record, as was the total purse of $34,000. The gate receipts were $69,715, astounding for a fight in such a remote locale, giving Rickard a profit in his promotional debut; there would be many others. In the unusual trivia department, as the cameraman ran

out of film after the thirty-eighth round, there is no complete film of the bout.

GANS TOOK LITTLE TIME OFF. on New Year's Day, 1907, he returned to Nevada to defend his title against Kid Herman in Tonopah. The cameraman had no problems this time,as Gans knocked Herman out in the eighth. Only then did he take a much-needed rest, waiting for his next challenger.

Nelson wanted that opportunity. Even before his bruises had faded, he was telling anyone who would listen that he hadn't fouled Gans, that he had deserved to win, that Gans had never hurt him, et cetera. After a long layoff, he agreed to fight Jimmy Britt a third time in a twenty-round bout on July 31, 1907 in San Francisco.

What follows seems an apocryphal post-fight alibi, but with witnesses. The morning of the bout Nelson went to a restaurant for his pre-fight meal; he and his entourage all ordered steaks. Somehow the waiter miscounted and served six steaks to five people. Nelson, once a poor immigrant lucky to eat every day, couldn't see wasting food and ate the extra steak; he entered the ring that afternoon with a considerable bellyache. Nelson fought like anything but a pre-bout favorite. With under a minute left in the final round Britt landed a hard right to Nelson's stomach, causing the Battler to literally nearly lose his lunch. Doubled over, gasping for breath, Nelson was momentarily helpless as Britt opened up with both hands, the final bell saving him further embarrassment. Britt received the decision and his title shot. Nelson later referred to the gastronomical episode and the money he lost not fighting Gans that year as "The $10,000 Steak." Whatever the reason for his poor showing, most of the fistic scribes wrote Nelson off as no longer being of championship caliber.

On September 9, 1907 Gans defended against Britt in San Francisco. This time Gans had plenty of time to train gradually, losing weight without sacrificing any strength. Britt was outclassed, his only break occurring in the fourth round to his right wrist, forcing him to quit after six rounds and preventing Gans from scoring a clean knockout. It was Gans' third consecutive impressive showing; eighteen days later he added a fourth, easily decisioning George Memsic in twenty rounds in Los Angeles. The experts agreed that, despite the depth of an excellent lightweight division, Gans looked to remain on top for some time to come.

Again there was dissention from the Durable Dane. Closing out 1907 with several exhibitions, Nelson began 1908 with a five-round kayo of Jack Clifford in Utah in January 13, ten days after Gans stopped

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Bart Blackburn in Baltimore. Nelson then traveled to Los Angeles where on February 4 he went ten no-decision rounds with Rudy Unholz, battering the Boer to get the newspaper decision. On March 3, again in L.A., he met Jimmy Britt a fourth time. One assumes Nelson restricted his prefight calorie intake, as the two went ten fast, no-decision rounds, honors even. Nelson then returned to San Francisco to face feather-weight king Abe Attell in a fifteen-rounder on March 31. Because of Attell's superb skills (why he and Gans never fought remains a mystery), the Little Champ entered the ring the favorite, but Nelson absorbed Attell's stinging blows and dominated the infighting. In the fourteenth Nelson staggered Attell with a thunderous right to the head, and only the smaller man's defense saved him from a kayo. After a minute's rest both men exchanged like demons for the final three minutes. The draw decision was well received by both parties; more importantly, Nelson had re-established himself as a serious contender.

The next day Gans kayoed Spike Robson in Philadelphia, then defended his crown in San Francisco on May 14 against Rudy Unholz. Game but slow and lacking a real punch, the Boer absorbed a shellacking until the eleventh, when Gans flattened him with a right to the jaw. A few days later Gans and Nelson signed articles for a forty-five round title bout to take place in Colma on July 4, 1908.

GANS ENTERED THE MISSION Street Arena as the favorite, but no one knew of the tuberculosis that ravaged his body. With the strain of making the lightweight limit, plus Gans' nearly thirty-four years, the three would be too much for even a legend. Nelson had dumped the bellicose Billy Nolan as manager and had replaced him with Willis Britt, who had left brother Jimmy after watching Packey McFarland flatten him in six rounds. Where Nolan kept things chaotic, Britt planned a different strategy for the Battler incorporating a close range body attack rather than haphazard punching from every angle.

It didn't take long for the audience to notice the changes in both men. Gans dominated the first six rounds, but as Nelson usually started slowly this was expected. Staggered by an uppercut in the second and cut in the nose and mouth by the fifth, Nelson obeyed Britt's instructions and concentrated on battering Gans' body at close quarters. By the seventh Gans had slowed down, having to survive a Nelson barrage during the final minute. Nelson won the eighth and had Gans hanging on in the ninth. The Old Master retaliated with a two-fisted attack in the tenth, but Nelson refused to give ground, regaining control late in the eleventh. Gans started the twelfth with a flurry, but Nelson hurt him to the body, then floored him three times and a fourth in the next round.Nelson continued his body attack as Gans stayed on his feet in the fourteenth and fifteenth, but in the sixteenth Nelson dropped him twice more.

What remained of the Old Master wobbled out for the seventeenth; Nelson's first blow put him down. Upon rising, Gans fell again from several body blows. Barely beating the count, Gans dropped again from further body punishment. Just after referee Jack Welch counted "ten" he regained his feet, but too late; Battling Nelson had finally become champion.

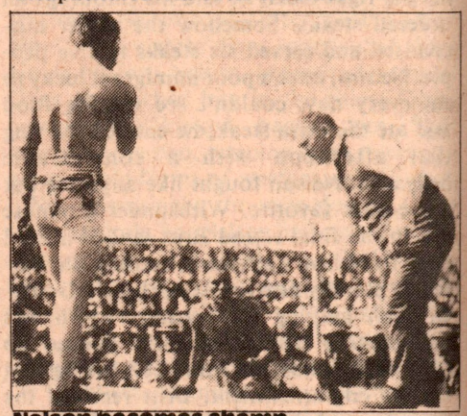
A rubber match was inevitable. Gans' friends and family wanted him to retire, but he was adamant; he felt responsible for the money they'd lost betting on him. He and Nelson were rematched for a twenty-five round bout on September 9 in the same ring, but Gans told friends "Just bet I'll go twenty.

It was Nelson nearly all the way. After taking the opening round Gans faded. Nelson hurt him with several left hooks in the third, cutting him in the mouth and over the right eye. Gans scored effectively only in spurts; even then, Nelson seemed impervious to whatever Gans threw. Gans landed only two real punches of any consequence. In the fifteenth he landed a right that drew blood from Nelson's mouth, and in the nineteenth he hit Nelson with a right to the side that made the Battler wince. Years later Nelson would describe the latter blow to Grantland Rice as "the only time a punch ever hurt me . . . it felt as though someone had stuck me with a knife." It wasn't nearly enough. Gans barely managed to survive the twentieth, granting him that personal victory, but early in the twenty-first Nelson floored him with a left hook to the jaw. Gans got up, but Nelson punched him across the ring, then slammed in a right to the stomach, followed by a left uppercut to the same place. Gans groaned in agony and dropped to the canvas, and referee Ed Smith counted him out.

GANS RETURNED HOME TO Baltimore. On March 12, 1909 he fought ten no-decision rounds with English lightweight Jabez White in New York. Although he decked White thrice and was the newspaper winner, he looked terrible; he never fought again.

Nelson fought three times in 1909. On May 29 he returned to Colma to defend against Dick Hyland. The former Billy Uren prefixed his ring name with "Fighting," an appropriate tag; it took Nelson twenty-three rounds to cut down the game Hyland with his body attack. On June 22 he repeated his five round kayo of Jack Clifford in Oklahoma City. Then on July 13 he ran into a Michigan Wildcat named Ad Wolgast in Los Angeles. The non-title bout went ten no-decision rounds but the newspapers called Wolgast the winner. That November, in a bout held to determine Nelson's next challenger, Wolgast won a convincing twenty-round decision over Lew Powell in San Francisco. Would Wolgast be willing to face Nelson for the title in the Battler's specialty, a forty-five round bout? By year's end, the match had been set.

The bout was scheduled for Washington's Birthday, 1910, in Point Richmond, just outside the Bay City. Nelson and Wolgast agreed upon a "no-foul" rule, meaning that anything would be allowed as long as the opponent wasn't incapacitated via such crudities.



Nelson becomes champ

For the better part of thirty rounds referee Ed Smith had his hands full as Nelson threw his fists, head, shoulders and elbows at Wolgast, at one point headlocking the challenger and pounding his kidneys. Wolgast paced himself, pounding Nelson's face with counter rights and working both hands to the body in close. In the twenty-second Nelson floored Wolgast with three rights to the jaw, but the Wildcat survived the round. By the twenty-eighth Wolgast, sensing Nelson was weakening, became the aggressor. Wolgast's fists pounded Nelson's face into a swollen caricature of an ex-champion-to-be. By the thirty-fifth the left side of Nelson's face was horribly swollen, his left eye completely shut. Blood streaming from his nose, mouth and a torn left ear, his body blotched and bruised, the Battler refused to quit. Somehow Nelson staggered out for the fortieth round, but Wolgast opened up with a barrage ending with two terrific rights to the jaw. As Nelson lurched backward on buckling legs Smith finally stopped the slaughter, but even as he rose Wolgast's hand as winner and new cham-

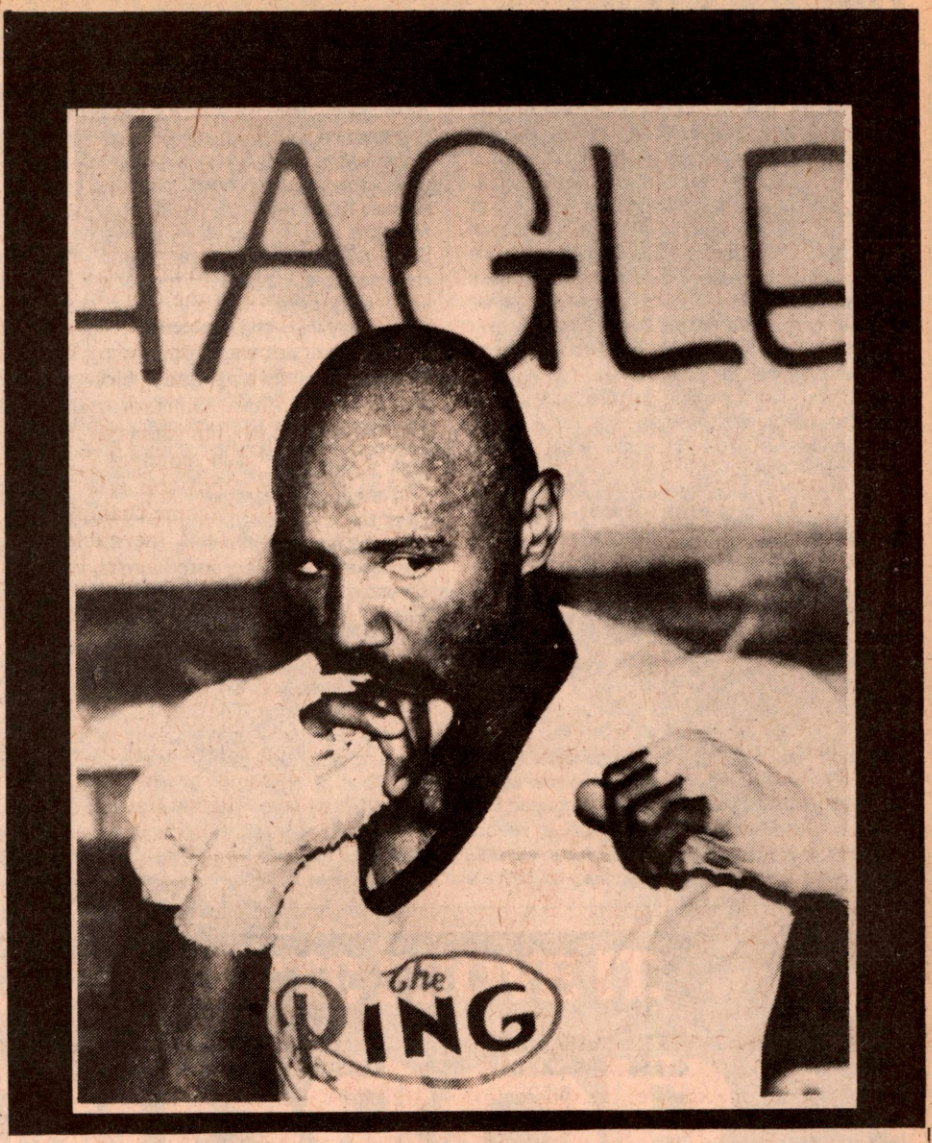
pion Nelson, barely able to articulate speech, protested "No, Eddie, No! I can lick him!" Proud to the end, the Battler had been dethroned in as brutal a bout as would ever be seen in a ring.

Among those issuing challenges to the new champion was Gans in a statement from his Baltimore home. Not long afterward he left for Prescott, Arizona, hoping the desert climate would somehow restore his health. By July, sensing no change, he boarded a train for Baltimore. So weak he needed oxygen administered to get him over the Rocky Mountains, he just made it home; three days later, on August 10, 1910, Gans died of pnuemonia and other complications from tuberculosis. Not quite thirty-six, he left his wife and mother an estate worth over $300,000. Among the many tributes was a cartoon in the August 12 San Francisco Examiner, depicting a portrait of Gans suitable entitled "Old Master," with an affixed wreath inscribed "Rest In Peace"; behind a rail stood a boxing fan, weeping.

After nearly eight month's rest, Nelson attempted a comeback, kayoing Monte Dale in three and drawing with Anton LaGrave in fifteen, showing little of his old form. On November 26 he faced Owen Moran, a tough Briton recently moved up from the featherweight ranks, in a twenty-round bout to determine Wolgast's next challenger. In the eleventh Moran floored Nelson coming in with a right to the chin. The once-durable Dane went down four more times, hearing the referee count "ten" on the final trip for the only time in his career. Nelson fought on until 1917, but the knockout by Moran permanently removed him from title contention.

Except for two cauliflower ears which later responded poorly to corrective surgery, Nelson seemed well off but, like so many others, lost everything in the 1929 Stock Market Crash. He struggled through the Depression, working in a Chicago post office during World War II; by 1952, down to ninety-six pounds, he and his second wife, Edna, were destitute. Fans in San Francisco and Chicago, reemembering that Nelson had given $1000 for survivors of the S.F. earthquake and fire in 1906, gathered $1800 for the Nelsons. On January, 1954, Edna died; Nelson, suffering from irreversable senility and lung cancer, died on February 7, 1954 at age 71. Fay Kings, the pioneer woman cartoonist briefly married to Nelson during his prime, paid the funeral expenses.

The eighty rounds Joe Gans and Battling Nelson fought did as much as anything to guarantee them fistic immortality. Their names are forever linked; to mention one of them is to automatically include the other. ■



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"I SHALL RETURN!"

SUGAR RAY LEONARD'S RETURN TO BOXING after more than two years of inactivity is not unparalleled among champions. Far from it. In fact, 21 other world titleholders were out of action for periods ranging from two to seven years before returning. How successful were they when they returned to the ring? Let's take a closer look at the record and see whether past performances favor Leonard's chances.

Of the 23 comebacks [Ali and Dempsey each had two], 10 can be classified as "successful" and 13 as "unsuccessful." For the purposes of this analysis, it was decided that for a comeback to be considered successful, a boxer must have either won a world championship fight or had at least five bouts after his layoff and must have compiled a winning record in those bouts. The accompanying table lists the 23 comebacks.

One of the most obvious factors in a successful comeback should be the age of the boxer. The average age of the 10 successful comeback boxers was 32. The average age of the unsuccessful ones was 33. At 27, Leonard is the second-youngest returnee ever, and thus, gains points by having youth in his favor. [The youngest champion to make a comeback was Joe Becerra at age 26. After being retired for slightly more than two years, he engaged in a six-round bout, which he won on a special benefit show. Following the bout, he permanently retired. Thus, by our definition, Becerra's comeback must be termed unsuccessful, although it wasn't really a true comeback at all.]

A second factor to consider should be the length of the inactive period. Leonard's last bout was February 15, 1982. For his comeback against Kevin Howard, he will have been away from the ring for two years and three months. Sixty percent of the *successful* champions returned in *less* than two years and 10 months, while sixty percent of the *unsuccessful* ones were away from the ring longer than that time. Leonard thus has a second point in his favor.

Third, Leonard's inactivity was involuntary due to his eye condition. Half of all successful comebacks were from voluntary layoffs [Ali was prevented from boxing for legal reasons, while Tony Zale, Joe Louis, Freddie Cochrane and Gus Lesnevich were inactive due to World War II]. All of the unsuccessful comebacks, except one, were by boxers who were voluntarily inactive, i.e. boxers who retired or who were not interested in defending their titles. Thus, the reason for his inactivity is one more point in Leonard's favor.

A fourth factor which may be more of a coincidence but should nonetheless be pointed out is Leonard's weight. Of the 22 comeback attempts, five have been made by boxers in the medium weight classes—light, welter and middle. Four of these five were successful. The fifth, Tommy Ryan, [who won and drew in two bouts] was only technically unsuccessful. All of the other unsuccessful comebacks were made by boxers at either end of the scale—fly, bantam, feather, light heavy and heavyweight. As a welterweight/jr. middleweight [and potential middleweight], Leonard falls right in the middle, giving him another point in his favor.

The final observation which should be made is that the most successful comeback was achieved by the original Sugar Ray. In 1951, Ray Robinson retired after a 13-year professional career in which he gained the world welterweight and middleweight titles while losing only three of 135 bouts. His second career, which began at age 33, followed a 2½-year layoff. During that time, he won 43 more fights over 11 years while winning and losing the middleweight title three times.

The only other champion named Leonard also made a rather remarkable comeback. Benny Leonard retired as lightweight champion in 1924 after boxing in 190 bouts over 14 years. After being out of action SEVEN years, he returned in 1931 as a welterweight, fighting 20 bouts in 13 months. During that time, he was 18-1-1 [his lone loss was against Jimmy McLarnin, who ended Leonard's career with a sixth-round knockout]. Sugar Ray Leonard, bearing the names of two of boxing's greatest champions, may yet have another factor going for him.

It may surprise many experts, but statistics [as well as some non-statistical coincidences] actually seem to *favor* Sugar Ray Leonard's comeback attempt.

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CHAMPIONS WHO ATTEMPTED COMEBACKS
(after at least 2 years inactivity)
SUCCESSFUL

CHAMPION	CLASS	LAST BOUT PRE LAYOFF	AGE	INACTIVITY REASON	INACTIVITY DURATION	COMEBACK BOUT DATE	COMEBACK BOUT AGE	COMEBACK BOUT RESULT	COMEBACK RESULTS YEARS	COMEBACK RESULTS W-L-D	WON TITLE BOUT?
Ray Robinson	160	6/52	31	a	30 mos.	1/55	33	KO 6	11	43-16-5	YES
Muhammad Ali	hvy.	3/67	25	b	42 mos.	10/70	28	KO 3	12	27-5	YES
Jack Johnson	hvy.	7/10	32	b	26 mos.	7/12	34	KO 9	17	21-3-3	YES
Benny Leonard	135	8/24	28	a	86 mos.	10/31	35	KO 2	2	18-1-1	NO
Tony Zale	160	2/42	28	c	46 mos.	1/46	32	KO 4	3	16-2	YES
Bob Fitzsimmons	hvy.	3/97	33	d	26 mos.	6/99	36	KO by 11	16	8-5-4	YES
Joe Louis	hvy.	3/42	27	c	50 mos.	6/46	32	KO 8	6	12-2	YES
Gus Lesnevich	175	3/42	27	c	34 mos.	1/46	30	KO 1	4	8-5	YES
Freddie Cochrane	147	9/42	27	c	32 mos.	6/45	30	KO 2	2	6-3	NO
Jack Dempsey	hvy.	7/21	26	d	24 mos.	7/23	28	W 15	5	3-2	YES

UNSUCCESSFUL (OR ABORTED)

Jimmy Carruthers	118	5/54	24	a	88 mos.	9/61	32	L 12	2	2-4	
James J. Corbett	hvy.	1/94	27	d	37 mos.	3/97	30	KO by 14	6	1-4	
Jack Dempsey	hvy.	9/23	28	d	36 mos.	9/26	31	L 10	2	1-2	
Jess Willard	hvy.	3/16	34	d	39 mos.	7/19	37	KO by 3	5	1-2	
Jim Driscoll	126	1/13	32	a	73 mos.	3/19	38	KO 4	1	1-1-1	
Muhammad Ali	hvy.	9/78	36	a	24 mos.	10/80	38	KO by 11	2	0-2	
James J. Braddock	hvy.	6/35	29	d	24 mos.	6/37	31	KO by 8	2	1-1	
Tommy Ryan	160	12/04	34	d	25 mos.	2/07	36	KO 5	1	1-0-1	
Jimmy Wilde	112	1/21	28	d	29 mos.	6/23	31	KO by 7	1	0-1	
Len Harvey	175	7/39	31	c	35 mos.	6/42	34	KO by 2	1	0-1	
James J. Jeffries	hvy.	8/04	29	a	70 mos.	7/10	35	KO by 15	1	0-1	
Joe Frazier	hvy.	6/76	32	a	65 mos.	12/81	37	D 10	1	0-0-1	
Joe Becerra	118	8/60	24	a	25 mos.	10/62	26	W 6	1	1-0	
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Ray Leonard	147	2/82	25	e	27 mos.	5/84	27	?	?	?	

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